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...SO TOO DO COUNTRIES INEVITABLY CRUMBLE.
JUST AS HUMANS GRADUALLY DECOM-POSE...
EVIL SPIRITS IN THE FORM OF HUMANS ...
...INFEST THE WHOLE PLACE LIKE THEY OWN IT.
...IS NOW DECAYING INTO A LIVING HELL.
EVEN THE CAPITAL THAT HAD FLOURISHED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS...
...IS DISPOSED OF IN THE SHADOWS.
KA CLANG
SUCH EVIL THAT GOES UNPUNISHED BY GOD...

...BY KILLING.
WE ALL MAKE OUR LIVING ...
CHAPTER 1 KILL THE DARKNESS

IMPERIAL YEAR 1024
GARA (RATTLE)
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
HM?
MISHA (GRUNGH)
DOGOOOO (BOOOOOM)

I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THEM SHOWING UP ON THIS ROUTE!
AN EARTH DRAG-OOOOON !!!!
RUN FOR IT!
...A...
NICHA (SQUELCH)
GYA-AA-AAA-AH!
ROOOOAAAAR!!

DA CTH
...AND MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF AT THE SAME TIME!
LOOKS LIKE I CAN HELP SOMEONE OUT...
ZAKA CCHKO
ZUDODO CRSSSHH
!
ZA (SKID)
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA

SWUUUUU (SSSHHAA?)
A CLASS 1 DANGER BEAST, EARTH DRAGON ...
ウウウウ
A WORTHY OPPONENT ...
DOGO (CRUSH)
ドォ
GWAAAAH!
HE'S MAD NOW.
ROOOOAAAR!!

BUN (SWING)
TAN (CHOP)
DO (THUD)
TA (THUD)
TA
TA
TA
BA (LUNGE)
IT'S OVER!

ZUDO (SLASH)
BAGA (CRASH)
DOOOOON (THOOOOOM)
WHOA ...!
WH...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TOOK DOWN A DANGER BEAST ALL BY YOURSELF...!!
TA
TA
TA (TMP)
THAT WAS AMAZING, KID!
TA (TSU)
BIGMI (SAD)
BUT OF COURSE!
THAT GUY WAS A PIECE OF CAKE FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME!!
HEH.
!
ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF IN THE CAPITAL?
YEP!
I'M GOING TO MAKE IT BIG IN THE CAPITAL! IT'S THE DREAM OF ANY COUNTRY BOY!
BY THE WAY, MY NAME'S TATSUMI!
IT'S A NAME THAT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY FAMOUS IN THE CAPITAL, SO YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER IT!!

WHAT...? SO DANGER BEASTS COME OUT IN THE CITY TOO?
THEY'RE PEOPLE...
PEOPLE WITH THE HEARTS OF MONSTERS... THAT'S ALL YOU'LL FIND THERE...
.....
...WHAT?
THE CAPITAL...
...ISN'T AS DREAMY AS YOU THINK IT IS.
IT'S LIVELY, SURE, BUT IT'S FULL OF MONSTERS EVEN MORE VICIOUS THAN THAT EARTH DRAGON.
I...
KAKI (CLICK)
I APPRECIATE THE WARNING, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M TURNING AROUND NOW.
WE...
...ARE GOING TO MAKE MONEY IN THE CAPITAL TO SAVE OUR VILLAGE!

ドオオオ
POOOOOON
(BADUUUUUM)

ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
<ZAWA (CHATTER)>
WOOOOW!
AWE-SOME!
SO THIS IS THE CAPITAL.
IF I DO WELL HERE, I COULD BUY THE ENTIRE VILLAGE.
KYORO
KYORO (LOOK)
BETTER FIND THE BARRACKS, AND QUICK.
.....

UH-HUU-UUH.
SO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE RANKS TOO...
THEN FILL OUT THIS FORM AND HAND IT BACK TO ME.
.....
DOES THIS MEAN I'D HAVE TO START AS A PRIVATE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AND YOU'D MOST LIKELY BE SENT TO THE REMOTE REGIONS.
JAKA (SHIKO
JUST SEE WHAT I CAN DO!
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN USE ME, THEN ENLIST ME STARTING OUT AS A CAPTAIN.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!!
DAN (BAMO

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A SOLDIER, YOU HAVE TO ENTER A LOTTERY!!
GET REAL!
KUWA (CRAWL)
THE HECK! AT LEAST GIVE ME A SHOT!!
POI (CLOSE)
OH... IS THAT SO?
BATAN (SLAM)
GET LOST, YOU DAMN BRAT!!
IN THIS RECESSION, WE'RE BEING FLOODED WITH NEW APPLI-CANTS!!
I CAN'T TEST EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!
AND THERE'S ONLY SO MANY SPOTS TO FILL!!
DUD
HEY, THERE.
ZA (ZISH)
BUT THEN I MIGHT GET ARRESTED...
THEN MAYBE I COULD MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF BY CAUSING A STIR?
HMMM.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN A SPOT, KID.
CAN I LEND YOU A HAND?
.....
SO THIS IS THE CAPITAL ...!!
BOHIIN (VAVOOOM)

LET ME GUESS.
YOU CAME FROM THE COUNTRY TO FOLLOW YOUR DREAM IN THE CAPITAL, RIGHT?
!
HOW'D YOU KNOW!?
HAAAH...
...?
SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY?
DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU?
KOKU
KOKU (NOD)
REALLY!?
I KNOW A WAY TO GET YOU INTO THE SERVICE RIGHT AWAY.
SO.
WHEN YOU'VE LIVED IN THE CAPITAL LONG ENOUGH, YOU CAN SPOT AN OUT-OF-TOWNER A MILE AWAY.
IN THAT CASE...
NIKO (SMILE)
...TREAT ME TO A MEAL. ♡
OO!

GO
GO
GO (CHUG)
AW, MAN.
HAVING A DRINK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY'S THE BEST!!
SLAP
GOTO (THUD)
HAAAAH!
GO
GO
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
HAAAAAH
DRINK UP, KID!
YOU'RE OVER-DOING IT A LITTLE.
SO TELL ME THAT WAY TO GET INTO THE SERVICE.

MONEY ...?
RIGHT. FOR THAT...
...IT TAKES CONNECTIONS AND MONEY.
DOSA (THUD)
IF WE JUST PAY HIM SOME DOUGH, YOU'LL BE RIGHT IN!
ONE OF MY FRIENDS IS IN THE ARMY.
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
I SEE... WILL THIS BE ENOUGH?
I'VE BEEN COLLECTING REWARDS FROM THE DANGER BEASTS I'VE BEEN HUNTING ON THE ROAD.
YOU'RE PRETTY LOADED!
OOOH, THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!

HMMM.
YOU MUST BE PRETTY STRONG...
WITH THIS, YOU'LL BE A CAPTAIN IN NO TIME.
OH! THANKS!
DOSA (THUD)
FOUR-FIFTHS OF THIS OUGHT TO DO IT, I THINK.
I THINK YOU'LL LEARN A LOT FROM MEETING ME, KID!
WILL DO! ♡
SEE YA.
I'LL GO TALK TO HIM NOW. YOU JUST WAIT RIGHT HERE. ♡
I SEE SO CONNECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT.
HM-HM.
HM-HM.

SIR, WE'RE GOING TO BE CLOSING SOON.
TEN HOURS LATER
SOWA
SOWA (CRINGE?)
SOWA
THREE HOURS LATER
ZZZ
ONE HOUR LATER
WAKU (GIDDY)
WAKU
WAKU
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WOULD BE SO TRUSTING IN THE CAPITAL THESE DAYS.
WHAT!?
SH... SHE WAS A FRAUD! I'LL FILE A COM-PLAINT!
I SAW.
OH. I'M JUST WAITING FOR SOME-ONE.
BUT SHE JUST RAN OFF WITH YOUR MONEY.
...IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR FALLING FOR IT.
IN THIS SITUATION ...
THAT'S A NO GO.

AH HA HA HA HA!
BAIIIIIN (BOOOING!)
THAT TOP-HEAVY... I MEAN, THAT WOMAN!!
THIS IS WHAT SHE MEANT BY LEARNING FROM HER!?

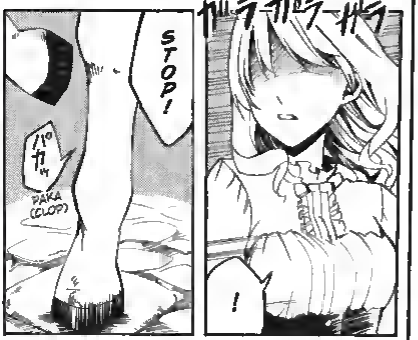
SHIT...
PARA (FLAKE)
PARA
AFTER PAYING FOR THE MEAL, I'M COMPLETELY BROKE.

OH!
SHIT.
TOBO.
TOBO. (PLOD)
NOBODY WOULD EVER LIE LIKE THAT IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.

A COUNTRY BUMPKIN WALKING DOWN THE ROAD WITH A SWORD OVER HIS SHOULDER
HAND IT OVER
THAT'S AN ORDER. HEH-HEH-HEH.

ZAA (SSSHHH)
KAKI (CLINK)
WHAT IS WRONG ...
SHUUUU (SHHHSS)
...WITH EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN?

I CAN SLEEP ANYWHERE
DOKA! (PLOP)
OH, WELL I'LL JUST SLEEP OUT IN THE OPEN TONIGHT.


PAKA (CLOP)
STOP!
GARA
GARA
GARA (RATTLE)
!

I WONDER HOW THEY'RE DOING...
HAVE THEY ALREADY ARRIVED IN THE CAPITAL ...?

AGAIN, MISS?
THE POOR THING ...
I DON'T THINK HE HAS A PLACE TO STAY...
I CAN'T HELP IT.
IT'S MY NATURE.
... HM?
DID YOU COME FROM THE COUNTRY?
HUH...? YEAH...

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP...
...WHY DON'T YOU COME TO MY HOUSE?
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY ON ME.
HEE!
IF YOU DID, YOU WOULDN'T BE SLEEPING OUT HERE.
GUI (TUG) ギュ
..... WELL.
IT'S BETTER THAN SLEEPING OUT HERE...
WHAT'LL IT BE?
JUST ACCEPT HER OFFER.
MISS ARIA CAN'T LEAVE A POOR FELLOW LIKE YOU OUT TO FREEZE!

THEN IT'S SETTLED! ♡
DOOON (RADULUUM)
OOH ...!?
DON (RUMO)
DON

KYORO (LOOK)
キョロ
KYORO
キョロ
HOW MANY DOES THIS MAKE IT?
IT'S HER WAY.
OH!
ARIA'S BROUGHT ANOTHER GUEST.
THOSE OLDER GUYS... MUST BE WICKED STRONG...
THEY CAN ONLY BE KIND TO A COMPLETE STRANGER LIKE ME BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEM HERE...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING ME IN!!
PEKO (BOW)
IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT! ♡ PLEASE, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
YES, MA'AM!!
BUT AT LEAST THIS PROVES...
PÂAAA GLOOOW
...THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE IN THE CAPITAL!!
HELPING OTHERS BRINGS US HAPPINESS TOO.
MOM!
THAT'S NOT WHY I DO THIS!!
I'M JUST KIDDING. ♡
UM...
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...
?

I SEE.
SO YOU WANT TO ENROLL IN THE ARMY TO SAVE YOUR VILLAGE ...
YES.
WHAT A LOVELY DREAM.
...BUT, YOU SHOULD KNOW.
THOUGH THE CAPITAL ITSELF MAY BE PEACEFUL ...
...THREE SIDES OF THIS COUNTRY ARE FLANKED BY DIFFERENT TRIBES.
YOU MIGHT BE SENT TO THE BORDER TO FIGHT THEM, YOU SEE?
I'M... PREPARED FOR THAT ...
I SEE. I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE!
THAT'S THE YOUNG FOR YOU.
DID YOU COME FROM YOUR VILLAGE ALONE?

NO, THERE WERE THREE OF US ...
ACTUALLY ...
HM... YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM WHEN YOU WERE JUST CHILDREN.
YOUR SKILLS WILL GUARANTEE YOU SUCCESS IN LIFE.
OKAY!
LEAVE IT TO US. WE'LL MAKE THE VILLAGE RICH.
THEN NOBODY WILL DIE FROM STARVATION AGAIN.
WE'RE LEAVING NOW, CHIEF!

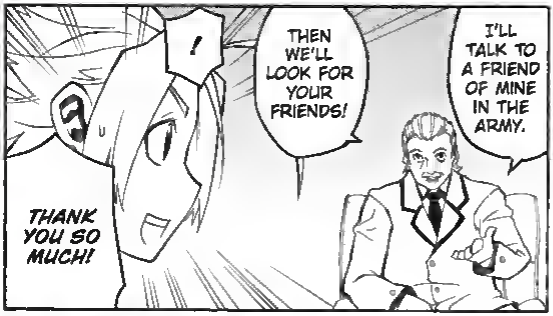
IT'LL PROBABLY ONLY TAKE TEN YEARS FOR THE GREAT IEYASU'S NAME TO BECOME WIDELY KNOWN
YOU'LL PROBABLY BREAK THE RULES AND GET YOUR HEAD CUT OFF.
HMPH!
SAYO! YOU!
DON'T SAY STUFF THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY HAPPEN!!
HMM
THEN DO SOMETHING ABOUT HOW YOU OVERSLEEP AND HAVE NO SENSE OF DIRECTION!
YOU BOTH SEEM VERY FULL OF VIGOR ...
NOW, TA-TSUMI ...
AS ONE LAST PARTING GIFT.
TAKE THIS WITH YOU.
IF WORSE COMES TO WORST ...
I'LL SELL IT.
NO!!

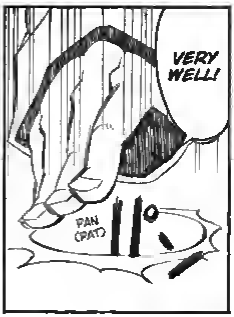
CARRY IT ON YOU ALWAYS.
I'M SURE THE GODS WILL PROTECT YOU.
THANKS, CHIEF!
GYU! (SQUEEZE)
OKAY...!

PACH! (CRACKLE)
OH, DEAR
PACH!
WE WERE FEELING CONFIDENT, BUT...
...LATER WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS AND GOT SEPARATED...

GRRR!
WE'RE OFF!
... THAT'S HOW IT WENT.

THEY'RE STRONG, SO I'M NOT WORRIED, BUT...
...IEYASU'S GOT SUCH A TERRIBLE SENSE OF DIRECTION...
...I'M NOT SO SURE HE'LL MAKE IT TO THE MEETING PLACE WE AGREED ON IN THE CAPITAL...
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?


I'LL TALK TO A FRIEND OF MINE IN THE ARMY.
THEN WE'LL LOOK FOR YOUR FRIENDS!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!


VERY WELL!
PAN (PAT)

MY HUNCHES ARE USUALLY PRETTY SPOT ON, SO...
...I'M SURE YOU'LL BE SEEING THE TWO OF THEM VERY SOON.

MISS ARIA...
ALL RIGHT...
LET'S LEAVE IT AT THIS FOR NOW...
GUI (SHEET)
UM...
AH!
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP WHILE I'M HERE?
YOU CAN BE MY ESCORT ALONG WITH THE OTHERS!
...YES, SIR.
THAT SOUNDS GOOD.
GAURI, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

I WILL !!
THE FEELING'S MUTUAL. YOU CAN PAY IT FORWARD TO SOMEONE ELSE TOO!
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING TODAY!
NEXT IS SAYO AND IEYASU.
POPA (POOMF)
I JUST HOPE THEY BOTH MADE IT TO THE CAPITAL SAFELY...
I'M SO LUCKY.
IN THE END, I WAS SAVED BY SOME GOOD PEOPLE.

LET'S GO TO THAT SHOP NEXT!!
PLEASE WAIT, MISS!!
GOGOGOGOGOGO (RRRRRUMBLE)
THE YOUNG LADY SURE BOUGHT A LOT...
THE AMOUNT'S BORDERING ON RIDICULOUS.
IT'S NOT JUST THE MISS. ALL YOUNG GIRLS ARE LIKE THIS.
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE STAYING AT HOME NEXT TIME.
YEAH?
THE ONE I KNOW PICKS OUT HER CLOTHES RIGHT AWAY.
THAT'S BECAUSE...
...I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO WEAR!

THAT'S THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL...
HUH?
FORGET THAT. LOOK UP.
NO...
THAT'S WHERE THE RULER OF THE COUNTRY, THE EMPEROR, LIVES!?
IT'S HUGE ...!!
SU COUCH
NOT QUITE...THE EMPEROR IS THERE, BUT HE'S STILL JUST A CHILD...
THE ONE MANIPU-LATING HIM FROM THE SHADOWS ...
GOOOOO (WHOOOO)
THE PALACE.

!?
...IS THE MINISTER.
HE'S THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECAY OF THIS COUNTRY.
GYU
CLENCH
...THE HEAVY TAXES THAT ARE BURDENING MY VILLAGE ARE ALSO ...
... THEN ...
MMPH!
THEY'LL HAVE OUR HEADS IF THEY HEAR US.
CAREFUL, DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE.
THERE'S ALSO THOSE GUYS TO CONSIDER.
COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN THE CAPITAL ...

NIGHT RAID?
.....
AKAME
THEY'RE AN ORGANIZATION OF ASSASSINS TERRORIZING THE CAPITAL.
AS THEIR NAME SUGGESTS, THEY ATTACK AT NIGHT.
THEY MAINLY TARGET HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE WEALTHY CLASS.
HUH?
ALSO... YOU HANDLE THAT.
BE ON YOUR GUARD.
GU (CLENCH)
NO PROB-LEM!
WHAT KIND OF TRAINING IS THIS!?
GOOOO (WHOOOO)

KA
CCLIK?
KA
KA
NOW THEN... TIME TO WRITE TODAY'S JOURNAL ENTRY...
HEH HEH!
I JUST CAN'T QUIT THIS HOBBY...

HUH
...?

GOPO (BLOW?)
SORRY.
PEKO (BOW)
SHLIPT (SWISH)
DOCHA (OSSH)

KA
(FLASH)
GASHI
(GRAB)
SOME-
ONE'S
HERE FOR
BLOOD!?
WHAT
THE
...?
BAN
(BANG)

THEY MAINLY TARGET HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE WEALTHY CLASS.
THEY'RE AN ORGANIZATION OF ASSASSINS TERRORIZING THE CAPITAL.
IT CAN'T BE...!
...THAT'S ...
!

NIGHT RAID!!

ARE THEY TARGETING THIS FAMILY BECAUSE THEY'RE RICH!?
WHAT... DO I DO!?
HELP THEM, OR...
...GUARD THE FAMILY ...!?
THEY'RE OUR TARGET TOO
AKAME.
THREE GUARDS.

I WILL SEND THEM TO REST.
GIRI (GRIP)
!?
HYUUUUUU (ZOOOOM)
DO (THUD)
DO
DO

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ゴゴ
GOGOGOGO (RRRUMBLE)
CHA (CHK)
...OKAY, BOYS.
DON'T LET THAT SWORD OF HERS TOUCH YOU.
DO (THUD)

UWHOOOOOAH!
GU (GRIP)
-SU (SLIT)-
PAAN (SLAMS)

GYUU (WHOOSH)
BOOOO (KA-BOOSH)

...FOR HAVING A ROTTEN
...SOUL ...
...WHA!
DOSA (WHUMP)
THIS ...
...IS WHAT I GET...
GUUUUUUUU (CREEEEEEP)
!
WHAT ARE THESE GUYS ...!?
THEY'RE WORSE THAN MONSTERS!!
DA (DASH)

DAN GRLAND
SHUUU (SIGHHH)
PA-THETIC.
DESERT-ING UNDER ENEMY FIRE.
NAH.
THAT WAS JUST PLAIN OLD RUNNING AWAY.

THEY WERE MASSACRED ...
...IN SECONDS !?
GIRI (GRIT)
...AT LEAST...
...AT LEAST I'VE GOT TO PROTECT MISS ARIA!!!

I HAVE A DAUGHTER ...!!
SPARE ME... I HAVE ...
GUH ... UH ...
S...
MERCY ...?
YOU'LL BE SEEING HER SOON ON THE OTHER SIDE.
DON'T WORRY.
NOT MY DAUGHTER...!
HAVE YOU NO MERCY !?
NO IDEA WHAT YOU MEAN.

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE STORAGE SHED!
YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE!
MISS, THIS WAY!
DA
DA
DA
MISS ARIA! THERE YOU ARE!!
!
HFF!
HFF!
HFF!
TA-TSUMI !!!

GOT IT!!?
YOU HOLD OFF THE ENEMY UNTIL THEN!!
WE'LL SEEK SHELTER IN THE STORAGE SHED AND WAIT FOR THE AUTHORITIES!
PERFECT TIMING!

AH!
DO (THUD)
THAT'S A LITTLE MUCH...

KUH!
SHUUU (SSSHHH)

SHIT.
JAKA (SHK)
SHAKI
DO (TMP)
GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!
.....
NOT A TARGET.
TO (HOP)
ZU (STOMP)
HUH!?

SHE'S COMING THIS WAY!!
...SHIT!
TA (THMP)!
DO
DO (BLAM)
CHI (SHIT)
I WILL SEND THE TARGET ...
KIIII (SHIIIING)
KII (CREAK)
...TO REST!!!

PETA (PLOP)
EEK!
DOCHA (SPLAT)
YOU WILL BE BURIED.

ZASHU GLASHD
NOT SO FAST !!
YOU ARE NOT A TARGET ...
THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO KILL YOU.
BUT YOU WANT TO KILL THIS GIRL, DON'T YOU!?

MM-HM.
KOKU (NOD)
MM-HM !!?
IF YOU GET IN MY WAY, I'LL KILL YOU TOO.
I CAN'T VERY WELL RUN AWAY NOW!!
I SEE...
KOKU (SMILE)
THEN I WILL SEND YOU TO REST.

MESSY
AAAW
MESSY
...WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE AKAME ...
...NOT TO BE FINISHED YET.
!
.....
...OH, BOY.
THAT KID'S GOT SHIT FOR LUCK.

...THIS ISN'T AN OPPONENT I CAN BEAT AS I AM NOW.
AT THE VERY LEAST...
...I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!
BUT...
IF I CAN'T EVEN SAVE ONE LITTLE GIRL...
DON
CRUSH
...I CAN'T VERY WELL SAVE A VILLAGE!!

GAKIIN (CLANG)
GIKIIIN (CLANG)
BA (CHOP)
RUN (SWING)
GURA (REEL)
UH-OH!
DOGO (CRASH)

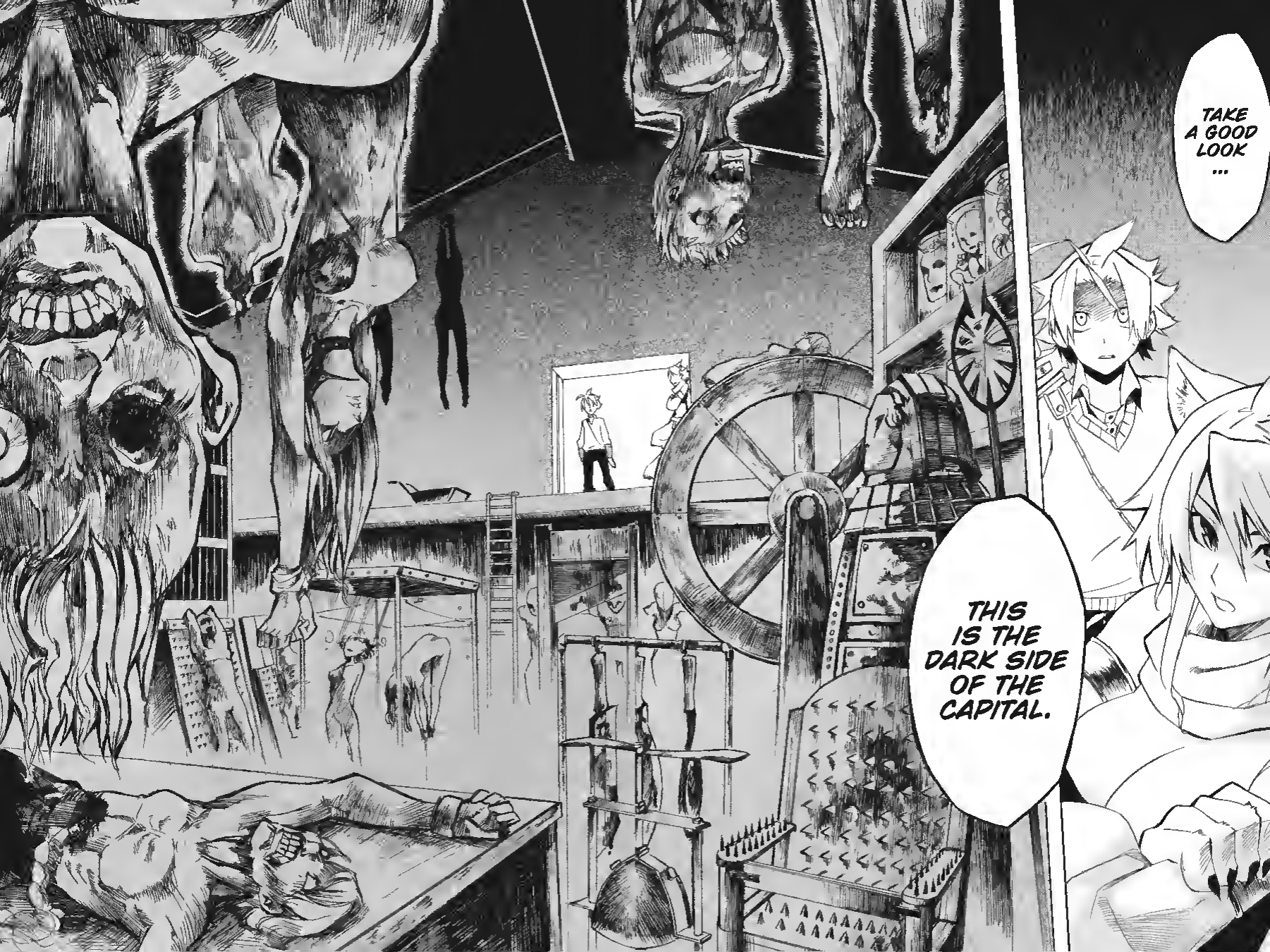
DO (STAB)
KAH!
TATSUMI!!
DOSA (THUD)
...KUH.
.....

GOGO (RUMMAGE)
HEH HEH!
SO YOU WON'T COME NEAR, EVEN IF I'VE DROPPED MY GUARD.
GU (STRAIN)
I DIDN'T FEEL THE SWORD GO THROUGH YOUR BODY.
GU
MY FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE PROTECTED ME.
THAT KID CAN HOLD HIS OWN.
HE'S FACING OFF AGAINST AKAME'S BLADE AND STILL ALIVE.
HMMM.

HOLD ON A MINUTE!!
WAH!
DD (CHARGE)
REST IN PIECES.
THIS ISN'T A BATTLE-FIELD.
SO DON'T KILL AN INNOCENT LITTLE GIRL!!
IT'S MONEY YOU GUYS ARE AFTER.
SO LET THIS GIRL GO!
IT'S NO USE...
SHE'S NOT LISTENING TO A WORD I SAY!!

!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE STILL HAVE TIME, DON'T WE?
I OWE THIS KID.
HYOI CYANK
ヒョイ
HOLD IT.
YOU'RE THAT BIG-BOOBED ...!
!
THAT'S RIGHT. I'M THAT PRETTY LADY FROM BEFORE. ♡
SO LET ME PAY HIM BACK.

ZA
ZA
YOU WERE AFRAID WE'D BE KILLING AN INNOCENT LITTLE GIRL, BUT...
ZA
ZA
ZA (TSK)
KID.
GAGOO (SMASH)
ZA
...I WONDER IF YOU CAN STILL SAY THAT AFTER YOU SEE THIS.


TAKE A GOOD LOOK ...
THIS IS THE DARK SIDE OF THE CAPITAL.

UUH...
...WHA...
AAH...
UUH...
WHAT THE HELL...
...IS THIS...!?

THEY INVITE IN UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE WHO COME FROM THE COUNTRY WITH SWEET OFFERS...
...AND THEN PLAY WITH THEM BY TORTURING THEM TO DEATH.
THIS IS THE TRUE NATURE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THAT HOUSE...
COME ON, SAYO ...
SAYO ...
...SAYO?

SO ONE OF THEM WAS YOUR FRIEND...
SOOO (SNEAK)
THAT FAMILY DID THIS?
JITA (FLAIL)
RATA (FLAP)
AND THEIR GUARDS KEPT SILENT ABOUT IT, SO THEY'RE JUST AS GUILTY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
GASHI (GRAB)
WHOA, NOW.
YOU'RE ASKING FOR TOO MUCH IF YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY NOW, LITTLE MISSY.
SH...
SHE'S LYING!
I NEVER EVEN KNEW THIS PLACE EXISTED!
ARE YOU GOING TO BELIEVE ME, WHO SAVED YOU, OR THEM, TATSUMI!?!

TA TSU MI
IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT ?
I...
IEYASU!!?
THAT GIRL APPROACHED ME AND SAYO..
AND WE PASSED OUT AFTER EATING A MEAL SHE GAVE US WHEN WE WOKE UP HERE WE WERE
TH... THAT GIRL ...
... TORTURED SAYO TO DEATH ...!!!

AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT!?
UUH... UUU- UH...
BA DYANK!
!
YOU GUYS ARE JUST USELESS COUNTRY BUMPKINS!
YOU'RE NOT DIF- FERENT FROM LIVE- STOCK !!
I CAN TREAT YOU HOWEVER I WANT!!

AND FOR JUST A FARM ANIMAL, THAT GIRL HAD BEAUTIFUL STRAIGHT HAIR AND TOO MUCH ATTITUDE!
SO I MADE HER PAY FOR IT!!
WHILE I HAVE TO SUFFER WITH THIS KINKED HAIR OF MINE!!
YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME FOR HOW THOROUGH I WAS WITH HER!!
SFX: CHAKI (CHIC)
GIRI (GRIP)
DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE STILL GOING TO STAND UP FOR HER?
NO ...
WAIT.
SORRY I STOPPED YOU, AKAME...
THEY WERE JUST WOLVES IN SHEEPS' CLOTHING ...
SHE'S GOING DOWN ....

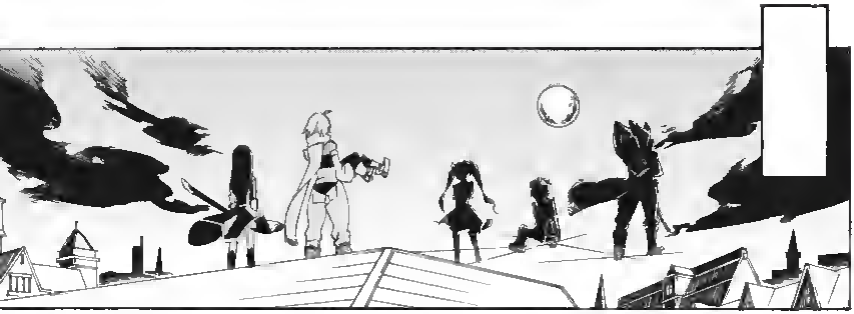
ZUDO (SLASH)
I'LL BE THE ONE TO KILL HER.
AH.

.....
KIN (CHIK)
DOSA (THUD)
HMMM ...
SHE WAS DETESTABLE, BUT TO CUT HER DOWN WITHOUT HESITATING...
HEH HEH..
THAT'S MY TATSUMI
IT'S A REFRESH-ING SIGHT
...!
KOFF!

THE WIFE ENJOYED ADMINISTERING DRUGS TO PEOPLE AND RECORDING THEIR SYMPTOMS IN HER JOURNAL...
HE'S IN THE FINAL STAGES OF RUBOLA DISEASE...
!
WHAT IS IT, IEYASU!?
...TA-TSUMI.
SAYO NEVER GAVE IN TO THAT BITCH...
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HER...
THERE'S NO SAVING HIM.

SO I ALSO WANT TO MAKE YOU PROUD...
...UP TO MY LAST MOMENTS
IT WAS SHEER WILLPOWER KEEPING HIM ALIVE THIS LONG...
.....
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CAPITAL ...?

LET'S GO.
HMMM.
SAY. WHY DON'T WE TAKE THAT KID WITH US?
HM ?
HE'S LUCKY, BRAVE ...
AND DON'T YOU AGREE THAT HE'S GOT TALENT?
ZURU (DRAG)
するずるずる
ZURU
ZURU
LET ME GO!
I'VE GOT TO BURY THEM!!
HOME-BASE IS ALWAYS SHORT ON HANDS.
むんず
MUNZU (GRAB)
OH.
I'LL CARRY THE BODIES BACK TO BASE LATER, SO DON'T WORRY.
HUH !?



YOU'RE LATE!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING !?

WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE SOON.

YOU'RE FINALLY BACK.

HUH !?
DOS (THUD)
HUH? DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

LET ME GOOO!
A FRIEND.
PUT ME DOWN!
AND WHAT'S THAT?

AS OF TODAY, YOU'RE PART OF OUR TEAM!!
CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON GETTING INTO THE NIGHT RAID!!

WHY IS THIS HAPPEN-ING!?
?
JUST GIVE IN.
LEONE SAID SO, SO DON'T ASK.
THERE, THERE.
A FRIEND ALWAYS UNDER-STANDS.

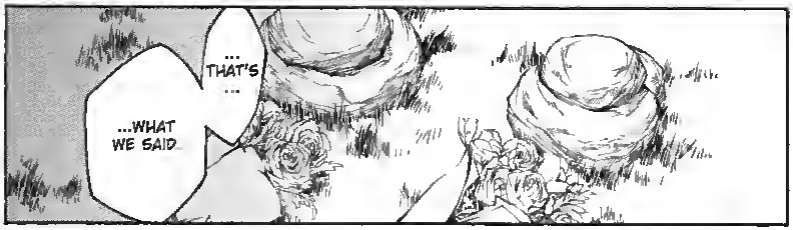
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DIRTY ASSASSIN...!
UP WE GO!
UNHAND ME!
YOU TAKE HIM FOR ME.
BULAT!
WHAT THINGS?
THINGS WILL BE BETTER SOON.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
OPERATION COMPLETE.
RETURN TO BASE!!

(CHARGE)
ウオー
WHAT KIND OF TURN OF EVENTS IS THIS!?

WHAT'S...
...GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME NOW!?

WE'LL MAKE IT BIG IN THE CAPITAL AND SEEK OUR FORTUNE!
YEAH!
THE THREE OF US VOW TO DIE AT THE SAME TIME!
THEN WE'LL SAVE OUR DIRT-POOR HOMETOWN!!

CHAPTER 2
KILL THE COUNTRY



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KILL THE COUNTRY
BUT NOW ...
...I'M ALL THAT'S LEFT.....
DOSA (FWUMP)

ZA CLSH
DON'T MOPE AROUND FOREVER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
OOO-OOH !?
ZA
HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT JOINING US IN THE NIGHT RAID?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN THREE DAYS.
I THINK YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL.
I GUARANTEE IT. ♡
NOW YOU LOOK HERE !

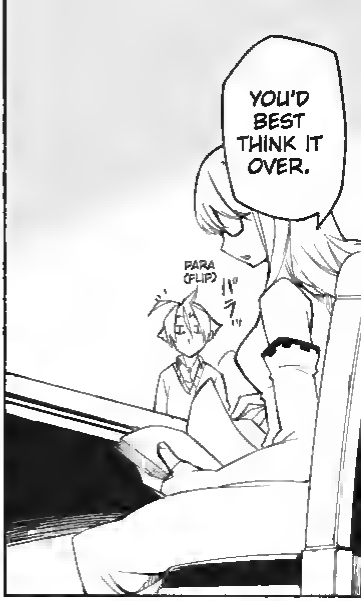
...I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HAVING WHAT IT TAKES OR NOT...
IT'S JUST KILLING...

GASHI (GRAB)
...I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND THE HIDEOUT TODAY!
GWAH!
EITHER WAY...

WAIT! MY NECK!
FOR STARTERS, THIS PLACE IS TEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, IN THE MOUNTAINS.
ISN'T IT A LITTLE OUT IN THE OPEN!?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ASSASSINS, AREN'T YOU!?

MEET-
ING
ROOM
...
HUH?
HE HASN'T COMMITTED TO JOINING US YET?
HMMM.
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD GIVE HIM SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGE-MENT.
PON (PAT)
ポン
THAT'S RIGHT, SHEELE.
THAT'S SO ENCOURAGING. IT BRINGS TEARS TO MY EYES.
...YOU DO REALIZE YOU'LL BE KILLED IF YOU DON'T JOIN US, DON'T YOU?
WELL, NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF OUR HIDEOUT ...

WHAT'S SHE READING?


YOU'D BEST THINK IT OVER.
PARA (FLIP)

DON'T BE AN AIRHEAD
...I KNEW IT. THEY'RE ALL CRAZY.

BISHII (SAID)
HOLD IT, LEONE!
WHAT'S HE DOING IN OUR SECRET HIDEOUT!?

AAAAH!!

HE'S ONE OF US.
NOT YET, HE ISN'T!
RAWR!
THE BOSS HASN'T GIVEN YOU THE GO-AHEAD YET!
GIRO (GLARE)
BIKU (JUMP)
JIII (STAAARE)
?
HE'S UNQUAL-IFIED.
PUI (PSURU)
WHAT!!?
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE AIR OF SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THE JOB LIKE WE PROFES-SIONALS.
I CAN READ IT ON HIS FACE!
HMPH!
MINE'S LIKE THAT TO EVERYONE
DON'T WORRY.
WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY!?

HINATA!
GUO (WHOOSH)
TRAINING GROUNDS
THESE ARE THE TRAINING GROUNDS. IT'S REALLY JUST A PLACE TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM.
HUT! HUT! HUT! HUT!
AND ...
...OVER THERE ...
...WHOA!
WOAA-AAAA-AH!
...YOU CAN SEE BULAT STINKING OF SWEAT.
GYUOOOOO (WHOOOOSH)
HE'S GOT A WAY WITH THE SPEAR!

PHEEEEW!
DO (THUD)
OH!
IF IT ISN'T LEONE!
AND THAT LITTLE KID...
...IS THE ONE FROM THE OTHER DAY!
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
HM?
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ME LIKE THIS YET?
I WAS CLAD IN ARMOR THE FIRST TIME WE MET.
AH!
OOOH!
THE NAME'S BULAT.
BEST RE-GARDS!
GASHI (GRAB)
TH... THANKS.

HEY, NOW.
WATCH OUT. HE'S GAY.
DENY IT!!
COME ON.
YOU TRYING TO GIVE HIM THE WRONG IDEA?
HFF!
HFF!
HFF!
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR LEONE TO TAKE HER BATH.
GASA (RUSTLE)
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE DANGER IF I GET TO SEE HER RACK!
HFF!

YOU NEVER LEARN YOUR LESSON, LUBBOCK.
SHIT!
I'LL TRY AGAIN!
GI (STRAIN)
GI
GI
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES!
THEN NEXT TIME IT'LL BE YOUR WHOLE ARM.

BAAAAAAAH!!
THEN I'LL JUST TAKE TWO FINGERS.
BOKI (CRACK)
ポキッ

...WILL BE BY THE SHORE, I WONDER?

GI
THIS IDIOT IS LUBBOCK!
EVEN THIS IS DOING IT FOR ME!
NEXT ...
...AND SO YOU SEE.
GI (CREAK)
GI

I ALREADY FEEL SO FULL...
ZA (CRSH)
TOBO (PLOD)
トボ
トボ
TOBO
AH HA HA!
THE NEXT IS A REAL BEAUTY, SO LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

THERE.
THAT THERE IS AKAME.
CUTE, RIGHT?

ゴゴゴゴ
GO
GO
GORI (CRUNCH)
GO (RUMBLE)
ゴリ
ベキッ
BEKI (CRACK)
BEKI (CRACK)
HFF!
HFF!
GO
GO
むしゃり
MUSHURI (SHLICK)
WHAT PART OF HER!!!?

EAT SOME TOO, LEONE.
ポイ
POI (THROW)
OH! THANKS!
A DANGER BEAST OF ITS OWN RANK! THE EVIL BIRD!
THE RAVENOUS BEAST WHO DECIMATES VILLAGES!
RARITY LEVEL☆☆
IS THAT AN EVIL BIRD SHE'S EATING?
!
SHE KILLED IT ALL BY HERSELF!?
AKAME'S A FERAL CHILD.
じ…
JIIII (STAAARE)
HOKA (PUFF)
HOKA
?
THEN THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO GIVE YOU THIS MEAT YET.
HAVE YOU... JOINED OUR TEAM?
NO...
BAKU (CHOMP)
I'M NOT REALLY CRAZY ABOUT HER...
SHE... TRIED TO KILL ME TWICE...
TOO BAD, TATSUMI ...
I DON'T NEED IT!!

THE BOSS IS BACK.
AREN'T YOU SPLURGING A BIT MUCH TODAY?
WELCOME BACK! DID YOU BRING ME ANY-THING?
NIPAAA (GRIND)
MORE IM-PORTANTLY, LEONE.
BOSS !!
POO
YO.
... CRAP!
IS IT TRUE THE OPERATION WENT OVERTIME?
GIRI
GIRI
GIRI (CRICK)
ABOUT THAT JOB THREE DAYS AGO ...

GASHI (GRAB)
BASHU (BASH!)
DA (DASH)
GIRI
GIRI (GRIP)
GIRI
EEEEEK!
IT'S NOT GOOD TO ENJOY FIGHTING A POWERFUL ENEMY TOO MUCH...
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BAD HABIT OF OURS.
I KNOW! JUST STOP PULLING AT ME!
WHERE DO YOU GET OFF!
HEY!
RIGHT, BOSS! I'M NOMINATING THIS TALENTED GUY!
DOES HE HAVE PROM-ISE?
AH!
BY THE WAY, WHO'S THE BOY?

SO IT IS A PART-TIME JOB!
IT PAYS WELL.
LIKE A PART-TIME JOB!?
YOU SHOULD JUST GIVE IT A SHOT!

VERY MUCH SO.

.....

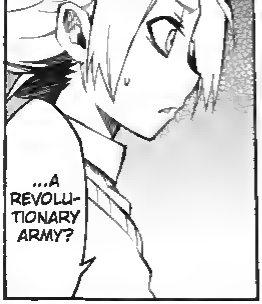
...THE OUTCOME OF YOUR LAST MISSION, AND ABOUT THIS BOY TOO
I WANT TO HEAR IN DETAIL ...

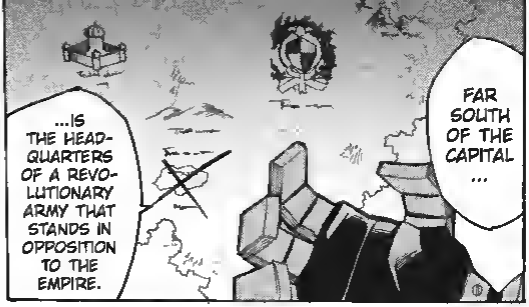
AKAME ...
GATHER EVERYONE TO THE MEETING ROOM.

I SEE.
I'VE GRASPED YOUR SITUATION.
TA-TSUMI ...
DO YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE TO JOIN NIGHT RAID?
IF I REFUSE, I'M DEAD, RIGHT?
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
...BUT WE CAN'T VERY WELL LET YOU GO HOME.
WE'LL PUT YOU TO WORK AS A STAFF MEMBER AT THE BASE.

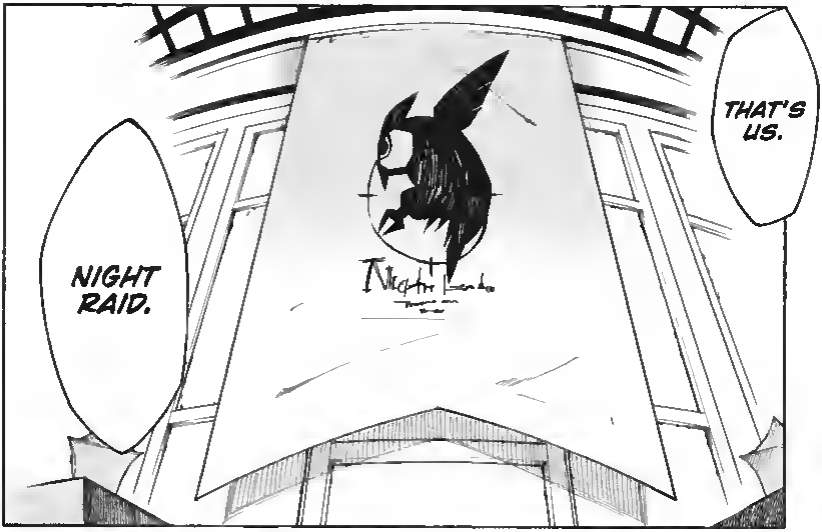
EITHER WAY, YOU WON'T DIE IF YOU REFUSE.
NOW THAT WE HAVE THAT CLEARED UP...WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I HAD PLANNED ON BEING SUCCESS-FUL IN THE CAPITAL ..
...BUT THE CAPITAL'S JUST AS BAD OFF!
...SO I COULD SAVE MY POVERTY-STRICKEN VILLAGE...
.....
GYU COLENCHO
I...
THE ROT IN THE CENTER IS WHY THE COUNTRY-SIDE'S SO POOR.
DON'T YOU WANT TO RIP OUT THE ROT FROM ITS SOURCE?
LIKE A MAN!

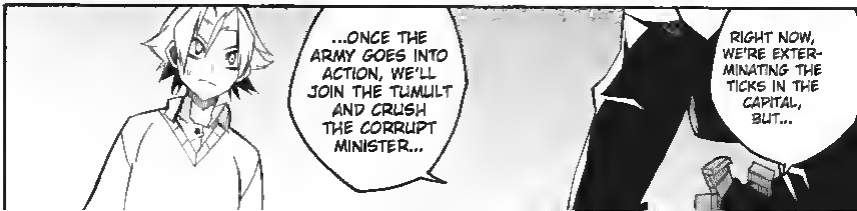
BULAT USED TO BE A SKILLED IMPERIAL SOLDIER.
BUT WHEN HE LEARNED ABOUT THE CAPITAL'S CORRUPTION, HE JOINED US.
OUR JOB IS TO DISPOSE OF THE CAPITAL'S BAD GUYS.
IT'S EASIER TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN THE MIDST OF THE CORRUPTION.
BUT
BUT KILLING BAD GUYS LITTLE BY LITTLE ...
...ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD IN ANY BIG WAY, IS IT?
IT SURE AS HELL WON'T SAVE TOWNS LIKE MINE IN THE MORE REMOTE REGIONS.
I SEE.
THEN THAT MAKES NIGHT RAID ALL THE MORE PERFECT A MATCH FOR YOU
?
AND WHY IS THAT?


...A REVOLUTIONARY ARMY?


...IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF A REVOLUTIONARY ARMY THAT STANDS IN OPPOSITION TO THE EMPIRE.
FAR SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL...

...FOR GATHERING INFORMATION, ASSASSINATIONS, AND OTHER UNMENTIONABLE JOBS.
THEY'VE INEVITABLY HAD TO CREATE A BRANCH...
...HAS GROWN INTO A LARGE-SCALE ORGANIZATION.
WHAT STARTED OUT AS A SMALL MOVEMENT...


NIGHT RAID.
THAT'S US.


...ONCE THE ARMY GOES INTO ACTION, WE'LL JOIN THE TUMULT AND CRUSH THE CORRUPT MINISTER...
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE EXTERMINATING THE TICKS IN THE CAPITAL, BUT...

...WITH THIS VERY HAND!
GYU (CLENCH)
...CRUSH...
...THE MINISTER...!?
THAT IS OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE.
THERE ARE OTHERS, BUT WE'RE LEAVING THOSE ASIDE FOR NOW.
I CAN'T SAY MUCH AS TO THE SPECIFICS OF WHEN THE UPRISING WILL HAPPEN, BUT...
...WE HAVE A WINNING PLAN IN PLACE.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES...
...THIS COUNTRY WILL SURELY CHANGE.

.....
OF COURSE.
...BE KIND TO ITS PEOPLE?
WILL THIS NEW COUNTRY ...
YOU'RE LIKE AN ASSAS-SINATION ORGANI-ZATION ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE!
GU CGLENCH
WOW ...
I SEE.
SO THE KILLINGS YOU'RE DOING NOW ARE ONLY TARGETING BAD GUYS TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH...

PFFT!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY !?
AH!
HA!
HA!
WH... WHAT?
HA!
HA!
NO MATTER WHAT NAME YOU GIVE IT...
...WHAT WE'RE DOING IS STILL MURDER.
TA-TSUMI.

EVERY PERSON HERE...
...COULD GETS WHAT'S COMING TO THEM AND DIE AT ANY MOMENT.
THERE'S NO JUSTICE IN THAT.
EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN REASONS FOR FIGHTING, BUT THEY'RE ALL PREPARED FOR THE WORST...
DOES THAT CHANGE YOUR OPINION?
SO WE RECEIVE COMPEN-SATION, RIGHT?
YES.
IF YOU DO A GOOD JOB, YOU CAN PROBABLY SAVE YOUR HOMETOWN.

WITH SUCH A HUGE GOAL...
...I'M SURE THAT SAYO AND IEYASU WOULD AGREE TO IT TOO!
DON (BADUM)
LET ME INTO NIGHT RAID!!
THEN I'LL DO IT!
HMM.
SO LONG AS EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE IS HAPPY.
THAT'S OKAY.
BUT YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO WALTZ RIGHT BACK INTO YOUR VILLAGE, YOU KNOW?
THEN IT'S DECIDED.

GOU (VOCAL)
WELCOME TO THE PATH OF CARNAGE.
TA-TSUMI.
INTRUD-ERS! MISS NAJENDA!
!
KYURU (SPIN)
キュル
KYURU
!?
HOW MANY AND WHERE?
ACCORDING TO HOW MY BARRIER'S REACTING...
...THERE SHOULD BE EIGHT OF THEM!

OH, WELL.
カチ
SFX: KACHI (CLICK)
TON (TAP)
THEY'RE PROBABLY MERCENARIES FROM THE TRIBES.
THEY WERE ABLE TO SNIFF US OUT THIS CLOSE...
THEY'RE GOOD.
THEY'VE ALL INFILTRATED THE HIDEOUT GROUNDS!
EMER-GENCY DISPATCH.
DON'T LET ANYONE BACK ALIVE.

THE AIR...
...SUDDENLY CHANGED.
ZOWA (CHILL)
UH... AH...
HUH?
DA (DASH)
GO!
BAN (DASH)
WHAT'RE YOU STANDING AROUND FOR?
OW!
IT'S YOUR FIRST BATTLE.
TAKE CARE OF THEM!

MR. BULAT!
HM?
DO (THUD)
OH, TATSUMI! YOU COMING WITH ME?
YEP!
AND CALL ME EITHER BIG BRO OR HAND-SOME!
AS THANKS, I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING AWESOME.
ZA (OKAY)
ZA
ZA
?
STAND BACK A LITTLE!
OKAY, BIG BRO!
THAT'S IT!
NOW I FEEL GREAT!!
BA (BAM)

INCURSIOOOOO!!
GOU GOOOM
!?
GYUUUUU
ZWHOOO SHO

VLIN (VRRM)
ZUDOOOO (RRMMM)
OOOOOH!
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT IT SURE HAS ME REVVED!
I'M GLAD YOU GET HOW AWESOME THIS THING IS!
THIS IS THE TEIGU INCURSIO.
TEIGU?
RIGHT?
TOO COOL!

NOW THEN.
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU YOUR VERY FIRST JOB!
...IT'S A BIG ONE, OKAY?
R-RIGHT!
RISHI (JAB)

THE FACT THAT SHE'S HERE...
...MEANS THEIR HIDE-OUT'S NOT FAR, AFTER ALL...
ALL THAT SEARCHING PAID OFF.
BUT SHE SURE IS A CUTE LITTLE THING.
WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN WITH HER EVEN AFTER SHE'S DEAD
JUST DON'T DAMAGE HER BODY TOO...

...MUCH.
HYUN (WHOOSH)

BUT...
SHE WAS... TOO FAST...
GOBO (BLORP)
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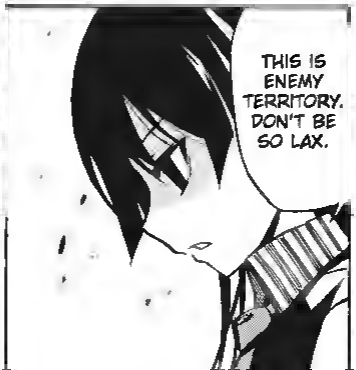

THIS IS ENEMY TERRITORY. DON'T BE SO LAX.

AH.
HUH?

JAKA (SHLIK)
THE LEAST I CAN DO IS STRIKE ...
... BACK ..!?
SHIT!
GOSHA (FLOP)
DOKUN (THROB)
ZUZUZU (SEEEEEE!)
POI-SON ...?
A CURSE COMING FROM THE WOUND ...?

ONE-SLICE KILL.
DOSU (THUD)
KIIKI (CLICK)
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA (ZSH)
THEY DETECTED OUR INVASION!
BUT WE KNOW THE HIDEOUT'S HERE...!
JUST THIS INFORMATION ALONE WILL FETCH A HIGH PRICE...!!

I HAVE TO GET AWAY AND REPORT BACK TO OUR CLIENT IN THE EMPIRE!!
HE GOT PRETTY FAR.
IF I'M GOING TO SHOOT HIM DOWN, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE AWAY MY POSITION.
GOTCHA!
BA CHOP!

SORRY.
JAKO (CHUNK)
THANKS, SHEELE
SHUUUUU (SSSHHH)
NICE PINCH.
IT'LL REACH JUST FINE WITH THIS RISK...!!

GOU (WOOM)
GHISS (THUD)
WHA...
!?
THERE! DIRECT HIT!
I'M MY STRONGEST UNDER PRESSURE!
CHA (CHK)

THAT WAS MINE'S PUMPKIN.
I WISH SHE WOULDN'T USE SUCH A PAIN-IN-THE-ASS TEIGU.
PIKU (TWITCH)
OH.
ON THAT NOTE, FOR ME...
BECOMING A CREATURE THAT BEATS PEOPLE TO DEATH...
...IS A LOT EASIER TO UNDER-STAND.
GOKIN (CRICK)

SO IT'S A GIRL.
I THOUGHT THE TENSION ON MY STRINGS FELT LIGHT.
UH... GUH...
I DON'T THINK SO.
I'LL DO ANY-THING.
PLEASE! HELP ME!

I'VE KNOWN GUYS WHO'VE FALLEN FOR WOMANLY CHARMS AND DIED.
GYURU (WRAP)
!
DOSA (FLOP)
HYU (ZIP)
CHIRA (GLANCE)
AAW, WHAT A WASTE!
IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS MY JOB STINKS!

BIKU (JUMP)
GASA (RUSTLE)
A RABBIT...
NOW LISTEN WELL... IF THE ENEMY TRIES TO FLEE, IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THEY'LL PASS THROUGH HERE.
ENGAGE IN BATTLE WITH THEM, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY TO SLOW THEM DOWN.
GASA (RUSTLE)
!?
JUST THE KIND OF PETTY ROLE YOU GIVE THE NEWB.
I DOUBT THE ENEMY WILL REALLY COME THROUGH HERE...

I'M NOT LETTING YOU PASS!
JAKI (CHING)
SO THEY STATIONED SOMEONE OUT HERE TOO!
BUT IF I FALTER NOW...
SO I'M GOING TO KILL A GUY I DON'T EVEN KNOW...
...I'M NOT ABOUT TO GO EASY ON YOU!!
CHIKI (CHING)
...I'M DEAD.
ZU (SHEAR)
YOU MAY ONLY BE A BOY, BUT...

I WONDER IF THAT NEW KID'S DEAD.
HE SURVIVED A FIGHT WITH AKAME.
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.
I DON'T THINK HE'LL HAVE A PROBLEM.
THAT'S ODD. YOU DON'T USUALLY COMMEND PEOPLE, SHEELE.
BESIDES ...
...HAVING CROSSED SWORDS WITH HIM, AKAME SAID...

...HE'S A BALL OF POTENTIAL.
WITH SOME TRAINING, HE COULD BECOME COMMANDER MATERIAL—

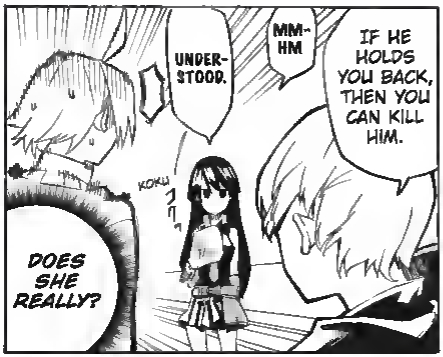
...WHAT SAYO... IEYASU... AND I...
... HOW DO YOU LIKE IT...?
THIS IS...
DA (TMP)
DA (SFX)
DA
DA
DA
... WERE TRAINED IN!
THESE SWORD SKILLS!!

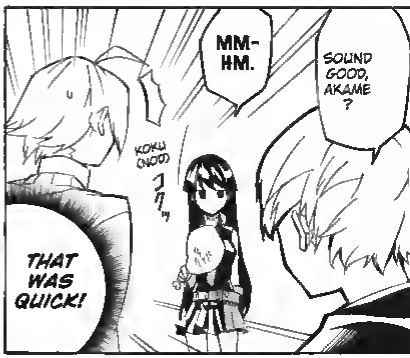
HE'S ALSO DOING THIS FOR HIS VILLAGE?
HAAH.
HAAH.
HAAH.
BUT ...
TWITCH
PIKU IN CTWITCH
PLEASE!
LET ME LIVE! IF I DIE, MY VILLAGE ...!
(SIGH)
BA- (WHIP)
HA-HA-HA! YOU'RE TOO SOFT, BOY!
YOU WILL DIE FOR MY TRIBE!!

DAN
(STAB)
ZUCHU
(SHLUCH)

DON'T HESI-TATE ...
THE FINAL BLOW HAS TO BE SWIFT.
...BAT AN EYELASH ...
SHE DIDN'T EVEN...
IT'S ALREADY OVER.
HUH ?
LEAVE THE REST TO ME!
THE ENEMY FLED THIS WAY, DIDN'T THEY!?
HUP!
DO (STOMP)

GOOD WORK ON YOUR FIRST BATTLE.
TA-TSUMI.
R... RIGHT.
DOWN IN ONE GULP!!
AHH HA HA!
BUT I HEARD AKAME'S REPORT.
THAT'S A POINT OF CONCERN ...
PARTNER UP WITH AKAME TO LEARN.
ARE YOU SURE!?
KOOOR
IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE ...
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES!
...I SEE NOW THAT YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TEACH YOU THE ROPES.
DON'T!


IF HE HOLDS YOU BACK, THEN YOU CAN KILL HIM.
MM-HM
UNDER-STOOD.
KOKU
DOES SHE REALLY?


SOUND GOOD, AKAME ?
MM-HM.
KOKU
THAT WAS QUICK!

LUCKY YOU, GETTING TO BE TAUGHT BY SUCH A CUTE GAL.
GOOD LUCK NOT GETTING KILLED!

FROM NOW ON...
...I'M GOING TO BE TEAMED UP WITH THIS GIRL!?
?

IF WE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH INGREDIENTS, WE CAN AVOID FOOD SHORTAGES IN A CRISIS.
SHURU (SLINK)
LET'S INCREASE OUR SKILLS SO THAT WE RISE IN THE ARMY RANKS.
CHAPTER 3
KILL THE AUTHORITY
THANKS TO IT...
GYU (PACK)
I'M GLAD... I LEARNED HOW TO COOK.
SAYO... IEYASU ...
MORE.
...I'M BEING TREATED LIKE A REAL COOK.

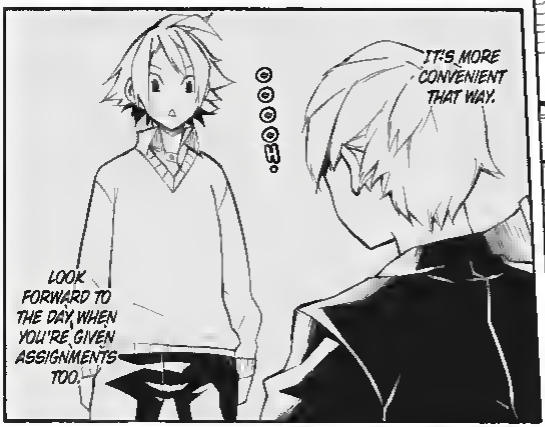
CHAPTER 3
KILL THE AUTHORITY

KUMSAN
SHURU (SLINK)
EVEN THOUGH I'M AN ASSASSIN, EVERY DAY IT'S NOTHING BUT COOKING.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
KITCHEN
DAM-MIT!
PAKU CMUNCH)
THAT'S NOT TRUE
YOU'RE ONLY THE COOK BECAUSE IT MEANS ALL THE TASTING AND SAMPLING YOU WANT, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE NOT VERY CON-VINCING
SINCE YOU'RE SHADOWING ME, IT'S ONLY NATURAL YOU COOK TOO.
I'M IN CHARGE OF COOKING AT THE BASE.
PAKU
PAKU
PAKU CMUNCH)
SHIRAFAM
THAT REALLY IS THE BEST LOOK FOR OUR NEWEST RECRUIT.
HAKO (CREAK)
バゴォ
WHAT!?

.. WAIT, WHAT?
ARE YOU ALL GOING SOMEWHERE?

THAT REMINDS ME...
AS A FRONT, WE PASS OURSELVES OFF AS AN ASSASSINATION AGENCY...
...THAT TAKES JOBS FROM PEOPLE IN THE CAPITAL.

YEP.
WE GOT AN ASSIGNMENT, SO WE'RE GOING TO THE CAPITAL.
AS-SIGN-MENT?


IT'S MORE CONVENIENT THAT WAY.
OOOOH.
LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN YOU'RE GIVEN ASSIGNMENTS TOO.

HAVE FUN LOPPING THE TOPS OFF OF CUCUM-BERS!
THE NEWB AND AKAME ARE WATCHING THE HOUSE!
HA!
HA!
HA!
AH!
HA!
WHY'S SHE ALWAYS PUFFING HERSELF UP...?
THANKS FOR WATCHING THE PLACE WHILE WE'RE GONE.
WHO, ME?
GRRRR.
TA-TA! ♡
.....
OKAY!
SHURU (SWFF)
GASA (FRSSH)
YOU MEAN HUNT SOMETHING TO COOK.
LET'S GO TAKE SOME LIVES OF OUR OWN.
OKAY.

HEY.
WE'RE PRETTY FAR FROM THE HIDEOUT. IS THIS OKAY?
WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM IF WE GO DEEPER INTO THE MOUNTAINS.
...SHE'S NOT MUCH OF A TALKER.
WE'RE HERE.
WOW. THIS PLACE IS BEAUTIFUL.
NUG! (STRIP)
WE'RE GOING TO NEUTRALIZE SOME RIVER PREY.

!?
YOU CAN'T MEAN NAKED, CAN YOU ...!?
FUYON (SWELL)
IN CLOTHING THAT IS EASY TO MOVE THROUGH THE WATER IN...
OH...
I'LL BE GOING AFTER ELEGANT TUNA.
THERE'S A LESSON IN THIS.

BASHA (SPLASH)
AREN'T THOSE THE RARE MONSTER FISH THAT ARE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS ...
UH...
DOBA (SPLOOSH)
FISHING WITH DYNAMITE !?
PAAH!
GAKO (PLOP)
GAKOO

IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE A QUICK CALL.
CAN YOU DO IT?
HEH.
THEN ATTACK THE MOMENT YOUR PREY SWIMS BY.
YOU DIVE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER AND MAKE YOUR PRESENCE COMPLETELY UNKNOWN
SA GAAO
BRING IT ON!!!
SO.

IN THE END, TATSUMI CAUGHT TWO...
IS IT TRUE YOU RIPPED OFF YOUR SHIRT AND SAID "BRING IT ON!"?
ZUUUUN (CHOOP)
NOT BAD FOR YOUR FIRST TIME.
I KNEW IT. I JUST CAN'T WORK WITH HER!
PACHI (CLACK)
LEONE.
JIII (STAAARE)
SHIT! SHE DOESN'T GIVE ME ANY CREDIT WHATSOEVER ...
AND I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT SHE'S THINKING ...
JUST HURRY UP AND EAT ME.
KACHIN (SNAP)
HE'S STILL GREEN.

!
TELL ME ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT YOU RECEIVED FROM THE CAPITAL THE OTHER DAY.
THE TARGET IS OGRE, FROM THE CAPITAL'S GARRISON ...
...AND AN OIL DEALER NAMED GAMAL.
ACCORD-ING TO THE CLIENT ...
OGRE'S ACCEPTING VERY LARGE BRIBES FROM GAMAL.
EVERY TIME GAMAL COMMITS A CRIME...
...OGRE MAKES SOMEONE ELSE OUT TO BE THE CRIMINAL.
MY FIANCÉ WAS FRAMED IN THIS WAY AND PUT TO DEATH FOR IT.
I DON'T SENSE ANY OTHER PEOPLE NEARBY.
GO ON.

PLEASE.
GYU (GRIP)
PLEASE HELP ME FIND CLOSURE OVER THIS INJUSTICE ...
HE OVERHEARD THEM TALKING IN PRIVATE WHILE IN JAIL.
THEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT IT THROUGH A LETTER BEFORE HIS EXECUTION.
...ALL RIGHT.
I'LL SEND THEM BOTH TO HELL!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!
PERO (BOW)
OH, THANK YOU!!!
I COULD SMELL A VENEREAL DISEASE ON HER ...
SHE SURE SAVED UP A LOT.
THIS IS WHAT SHE'S PAYING FOR THE JOB.
... THAT'S ...
HAVE YOU CONFIRMED THE FACTS?
!
SHE PROBABLY MADE THAT MONEY BY SELLING HER BODY.

...
OKAY.
I OVERHEARD THEM FROM AN ATTIC ROOM OVER HIS OIL SHOP.
THEY ARE GUILTY.
LET'S EXACT DIVINE PUNISHMENT ON THEM.
THE NEW NATION WON'T NEED TREACHEROUS WRONGDOERS.
NIGHT RAID WILL ACCEPT THE JOB.
ZA (ZSH)
...OGRE WILL BE A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY.
IT'LL BE EASY TO TAKE DOWN GAMAL, BUT...

OGRE THE DEMON.
HE'S EARNED HIS NICKNAME AS THE DEMON...
HIS SKILLS WITH A SWORD ARE FEARED BY CRIMINALS.
THE BRIBES WITH GAMAL TAKE PLACE IN HIS PRIVATE QUARTERS.
BEYOND THAT, HE SPENDS HIS TIME IN THE GUARDHOUSE.
HE'S NORMALLY SEEN OUT AND ABOUT WITH HIS LEAGUE OF HENCH-MEN
ON HIS DAYS OFF, HE'S NEVER TOO FAR FROM THE GARRISON...
...AND DRINKS ON MAIN STREET NEAR THE PALACE.

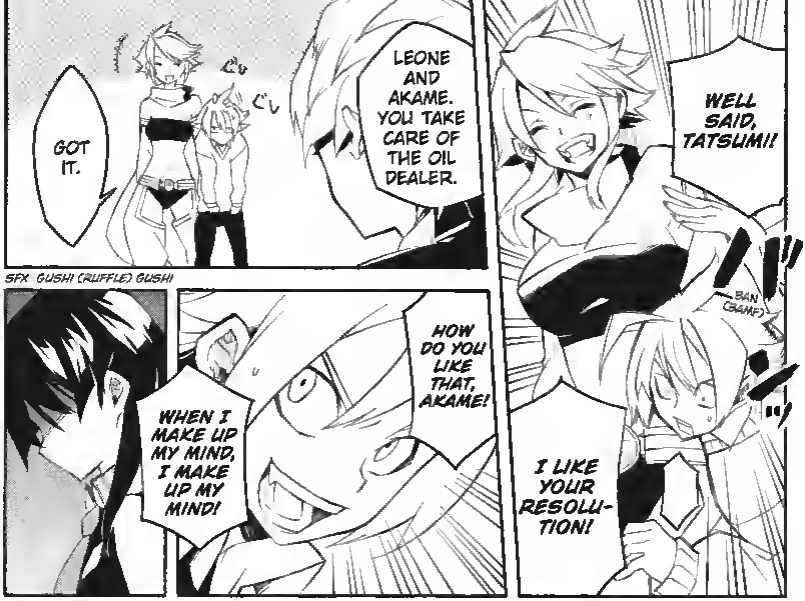
BUT HOW CAN WE KNOW WHEN THEY'LL BE DONE WITH THEIR JOB?
MM.

CAN'T WE WAIT UNTIL MINE AND THE OTHERS GET BACK?
AND WE CAN'T PUT AKAME ON THE CASE BECAUSE HER FACE IS ALL OVER THE WANTED POSTERS.
...BUT SECURITY IS TIGHT SO NEAR THE PALACE.
OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET HIM IS ON HIS DAYS OFF, THEN.

IN THAT CASE...
...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OUR-SELVES!
BAN (SLAM)

THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT I LOOK LIKE EITHER, BUT...
HUH?
HUH... YOU'RE SAYING YOU'LL BRING DOWN OGRE?
...I HOPE YOU TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

WHILE WE'RE SITTING HERE DISCUSSING THIS...
...THERE MIGHT BE MORE PEOPLE BEING FALSELY ACCUSED OUT THERE, OKAY?
SO I'LL JUST DO IT.
KACHIN (SNAP)
THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, YOU CAN'T DO IT...
I DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE TO HAVE TO SUFFER...
...THEIR LOVED ONE BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM SO MEANINGLESSLY...
.....
GOT IT...
I APPRECIATE YOUR DETERMINATION.
GET RID OF OGRE.


LEONE AND AKAME. YOU TAKE CARE OF THE OIL DEALER.
GOT IT.
WELL SAID, TATSUMI!
BAN (SLAM!)
I LIKE YOUR RESOLUTION!
SFX: GUSHI (RUFFLE) GUSHI
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, AKAME!
WHEN I MAKE UP MY MIND, I MAKE UP MY MIND!

...CARRY OUT THE MISSION SUCCESSFULLY...
...AND COMPLETE YOUR REPORT, AND YOU'LL FINALLY BE WORTHY OF PRAISE.
IF YOU'RE STILL AS COCKY AS YOU ARE NOW, YOU'LL DIE
LII (SNUB)
WHA!

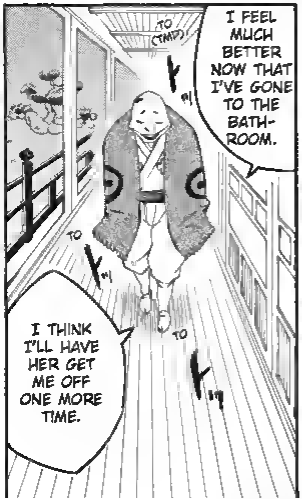
SHIT...
I'M GOING TO NAIL THIS AND MAKE HER ACKNOWLEDGE ME...!
IF YOU GO STRAIGHT ALONG HERE, YOU'LL REACH MAIN STREET.
GOT IT.
...I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT AKAME'S PAST.
HM?

I MEAN ...
...IT'S A PRETTY COMMON STORY TO HEAR ABOUT POOR PARENTS SELLING THEIR KIDS.
WHEN SHE WAS JUST A KID, SHE WAS SOLD TO THE EMPIRE ALONG WITH HER LITTLE SISTER.
...AND SURVIVED UNDER THE MOST SEVERE CONDITIONS.
SHE LEARNED HOW TO KILL...
THEN SHE GOT ACCEPTED INTO A TRAINING ORGANIZATION FOR ASSASSINS ALONG WITH OTHER KIDS WHO WERE IN HER SAME SITUATION.
SHE LIVED THAT WAY, CARRYING OUT JOBS AT THE EMPIRE'S ORDERS.
SHE WAS A FULL-FLEDGED ASSASSIN...

BUT WITH EVERY ASSIGNMENT, AKAME FELT THE DARK SIDE OF THE EMPIRE.
ON A MISSION TO TARGET THE BOSS, AKAME WAS PERSUADED BY HER INSTEAD ...
...AND TURNED HER BACK ON THE EMPIRE ...
..TO JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY THAT ACTUALLY CARED ABOUT ITS PEOPLE.
IT SEEMS ALMOST ALL THE COMRADES SHE'D GROWN UP WITH DIED ALONG THE WAY...
.....
DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU?
YOU'RE SAYING THAT IN THE EYES OF A PROFESSIONAL KILLER, A NEWB LIKE ME STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN, RIGHT?
WELL ...
IF YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL TODAY, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND TOO.

ALL RIGHT!
BISHI (SLAP)
MARK MY WORDS! I'M GOING TO BE VICTORIOUS!
HAPPY KILLING!

WOO -EE!


TO (TMP)
I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW THAT I'VE GONE TO THE BATH-ROOM.
TO
TO
I THINK I'LL HAVE HER GET ME OFF ONE MORE TIME.

SURE THING.
I'LL GET YOU OFF THIS MORTAL PLANE, GAMAL.
GYURU (CHOKE)
AH!
TA (TAP)
DO (STAB)

URGH!
HE SHOULD BE HAPPY HE GOT TWO BEAUTIFUL BABES AT ONCE!
NOW ...
DO GYANKO

.....
...I WONDER HOW TATSUMI'S DOING WITH HIS FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY...
-ERMMM=3-
HUH?
MASTER OGRE!
NOTHING BEATS A DRINK AFTER A GOOD LONG INTERRO-GATION.
A JOB WELL DONE, SIR.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP THE OTHER DAY.

I'M THE KING OF THIS TOWN ...!
I'M THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY.
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT!
IF YOU'RE EVER IN TROUBLE, JUST COME TO ME ABOUT IT.
SURE THING!
THERE'S SOMETHING I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT...
...EXCUSE ME.
MASTER OGRE.
HUH?
WHAT IS IT...? OUT WITH IT.
I'D PREFER WE WEREN'T IN SUCH A PUBLIC PLACE...

COULD WE SPEAK IN A BACK ALLEY?
I DON'T SENSE ANY-BODY ELSE AROUND ...
WELL?
IS THIS GOOD ENOUGH?
SAYO... IEYASU...
BA DUMP
PLEASE GIVE ME STRENGTH.

I BEG OF YOU!!
GABA (SPRING)
PLEASE LET ME INTO THE CAPITAL GARRISON!
JUST GO THROUGH THE REGULAR PROCE-DURE!
BORI (SCRATCH)
HAAH ...
I HAVE TO MAKE MONEY TO SEND TO THE COUNTRY-SIDE.
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ABOUT THAT.
...BUT ...
CHIKI (CHINK)

...IN THESE HARD TIMES, THERE'S TOO MUCH COMPETITION.
TOUGH LUCK.
THAT JUST SHOWS YOU'RE INADEQUATE.
GRIP

BOW
GRAO

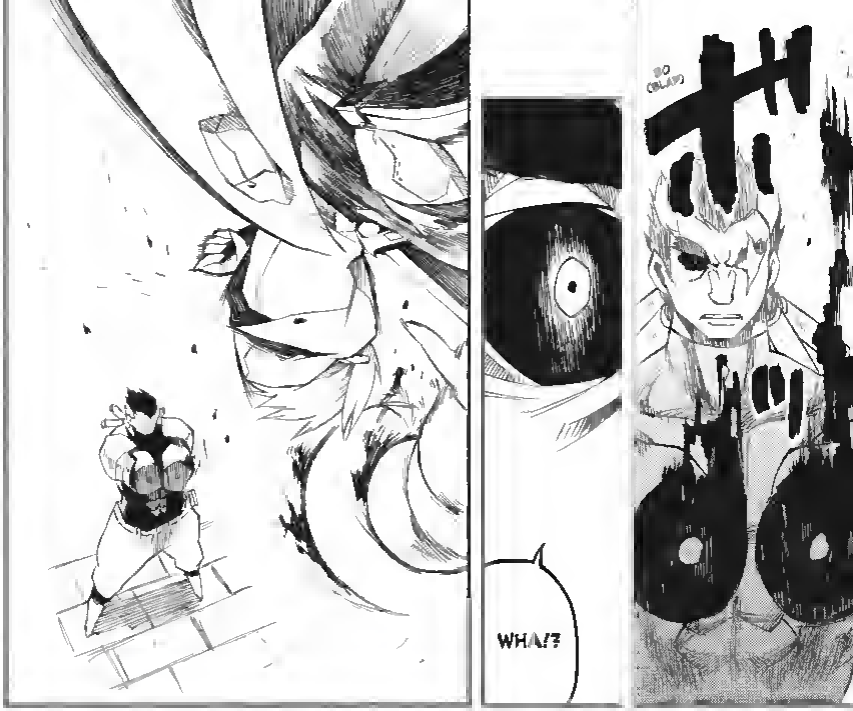
...HE'S FAST!!
...I DID IT.
DOSA ONHUMP
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEBODY WOULD RISE UP AGAINST ME.
HE HAS A DECISIVENESS THAT KNOWS NO FEAR.
...AND COMPLETE YOUR REPORT, AND YOU'LL FINALLY BE WORTHY OF PRAISE.
CARRY OUT THE MISSION SUCCESSFULLY...
THAT'S RIGHT .....
...OH.

I BETTER HURRY AND REPORT BACK...
GASOO (SLAAAM)

ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA (SHIT)
...KILLED BY SOME SHITTY BRAT LIKE YOU...?
THE GREAT OGRE...
...ME ...
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH THE WEAK MOAN AND GROAN ...
...THE STRONG MAKE THE RULES IN THIS TOWN...
I DELIVER THE SEN-TENCES !!
NOBODY SEN-TENCES ME!!!!

THAT'S NOT FOR YOU TO SAY...!
BA (HUP)
GAKII (CLANG)
OH HO...
NITAA (GRIN)
SO YOU'RE WITH NIGHT RAID, ARE YOU?
HMPH !!!
GOBOO (CRUSH)

DID I GET IT RIGHT ...?
I KNEW I SHOULD'VE KILLED THAT BITCH WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE...
THEN AGAIN... IT'S NOT TOO LATE YET!
GIGIGIGI (STRUGGLING)
SO WHO GAVE YOU THE JOB?
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF IDEAS, BUT...
...MORE RECENTLY, IS IT THE FIANCÉE OF THAT GUY I KILLED?
!?
AFTER I KILL YOU ...!!
FIRST I'LL FIND HER...
...AND CHARGE HER PARENTS AND SIBLINGS AS FELONS.
THEN I'LL EXECUTE THEM ALL RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER...!



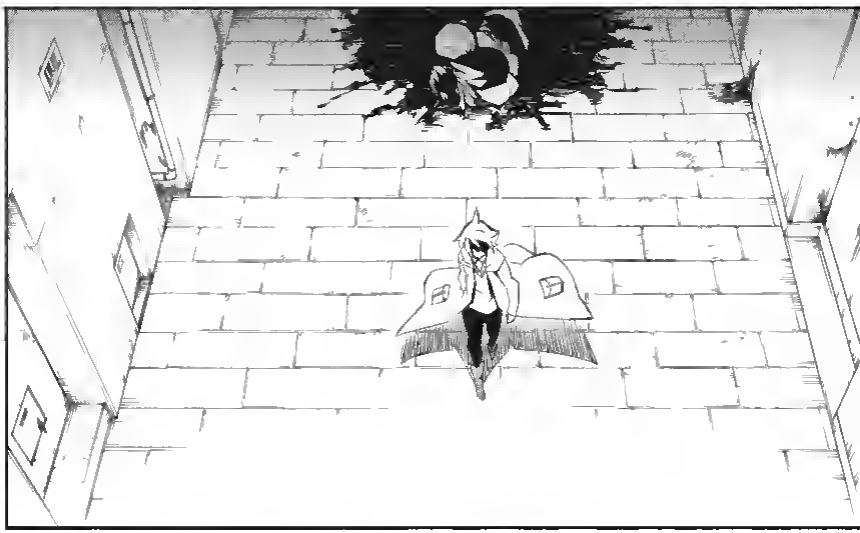
AND THEN ABUSING IT IN THE MOST APPALLING WAYS...

FLAUNTING THEIR AUTHORITY ALL OVER THE PLACE.

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME.

...I'LL...
...CUT TO PIECES !!!

K.!
KIN (CHING)



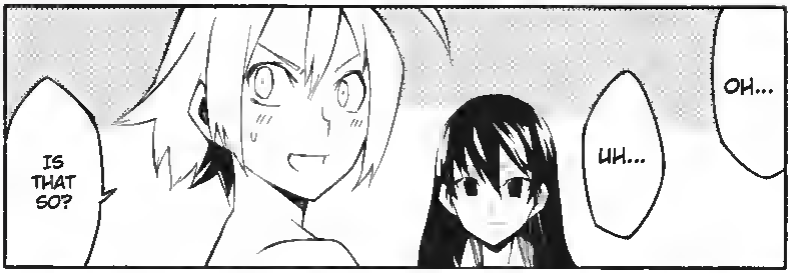
GOOD JOB DISPOSING OF THAT POWERFUL OPPONENT!
HMPH!
VERY IMPRES-SIVE!
THAT'S RIGHT!

HOW WAS THAT, AKAME?
I'M DONE WITH MY REPORT AND COMPLETED MY MISSION.
I EVEN PULLED IT OFF WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A SCRATCH.
.....
KA
KA CCLIKO
KA
NOW YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT I'M PRETTY GOOD...
WHA ...
WHAT THE HECK!? WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
BA (YANK)

UH... WHAT... IS GOING ON HERE...?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO...!
OH! THIS LOOKS LIKE FUN!
GOT IT.
LEONE. BOSS. HOLD HIM STILL.
ZUBON CYANKO
...OH, GOOD ...
NOOOOOO!!

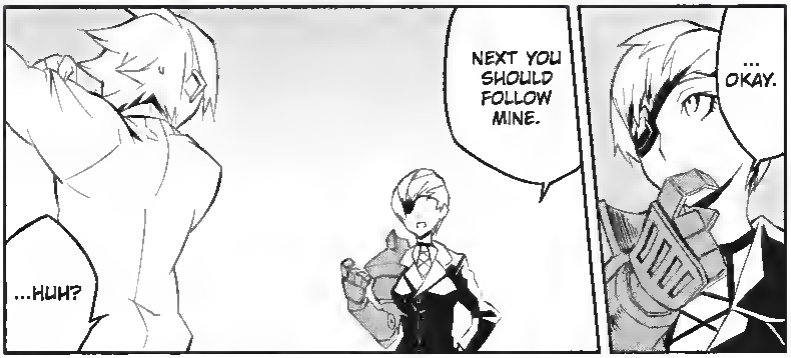
I'M JUST GLAD YOU DIDN'T SUSTAIN ANY DAMAGE.
I'VE SEEN TOO MANY OF MY COMRADES DIE FROM NOT REPORTING THEIR INJURIES.
GYU (SQUEEZE) ぎゅっ
R... RIGHT.
YOU OVERCAME IT VERY WELL!
THE DEATH RATE IS HIGH FOR ONE'S FIRST ASSASSINATION...

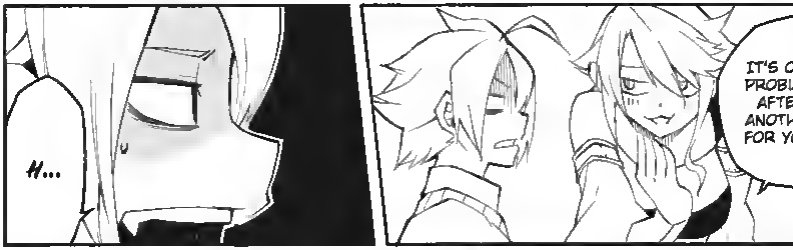
AKAME'S SO TOUGH ON YOU BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO DIE.
COOKING IS A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO COMMUNICATE.
A DIFFICULT HUNT TAUGHT YOU ABOUT ASSASSINATING...
HAVE YOU REALIZED HOW VALUABLE THOSE DAYS WERE FOR YOU?

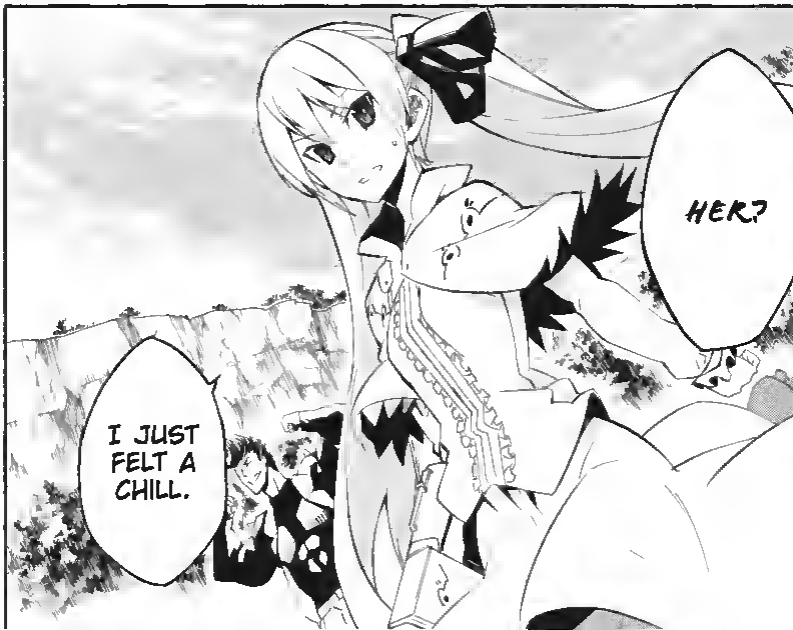

OH...
UH...
IS THAT SO?

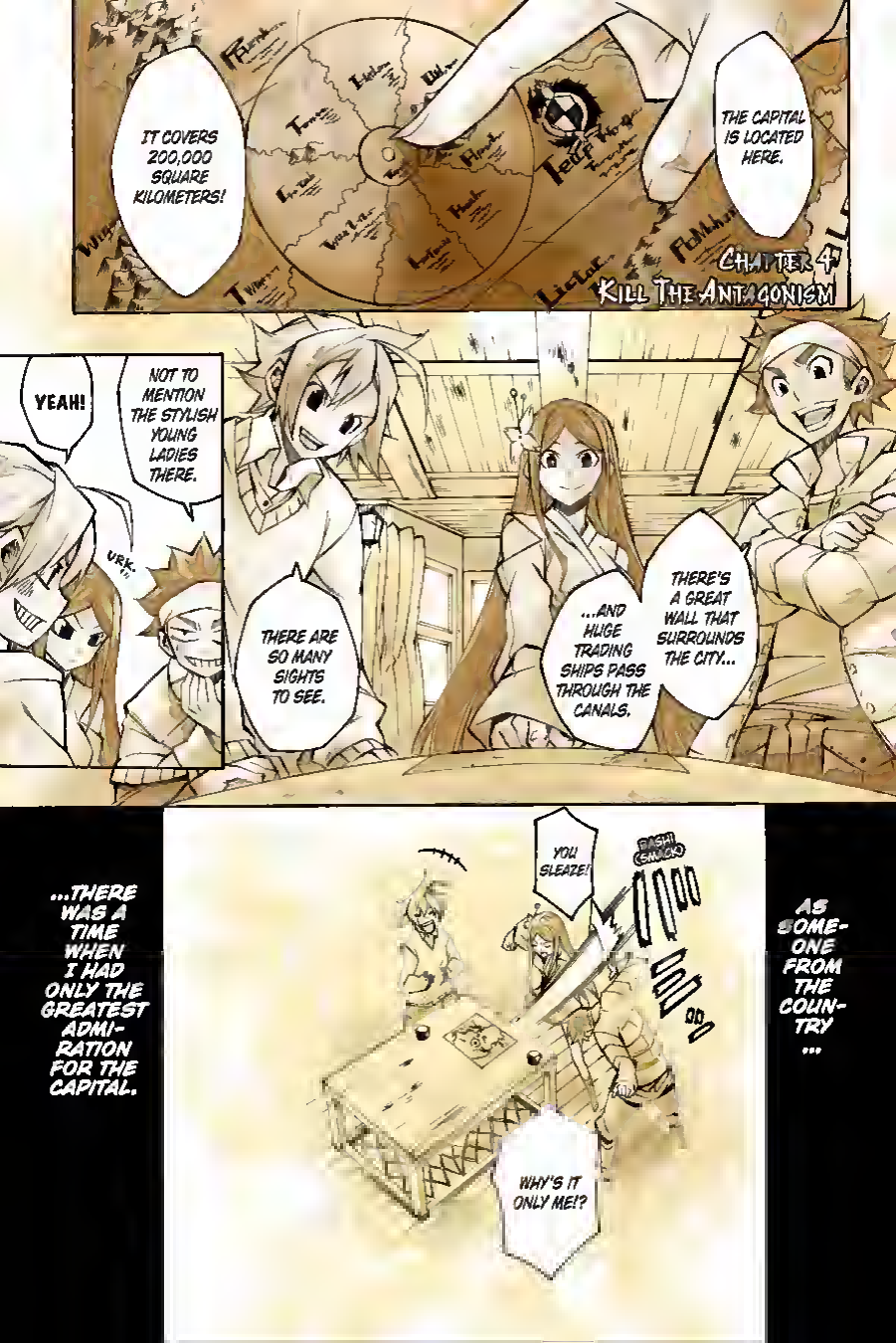
I'M SORRY, AKAME...
I... MISREAD YOU.
IT'S OKAY.

I WILL.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING MORE WITH YOU, AKAME!
PLEASE COME HOME SAFELY FROM NOW ON TOO...
...TATSUMI.
WHAT KIND OF "WORK" ARE YOU REFERRING TO AFTER YOU STRIPPED ALL YOUR CLOTHES OFF?
PFFT!
YOU GUYS WERE THE ONES WHO STRIPPED ME!


...HUH?
NEXT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW MINE.
...OKAY.

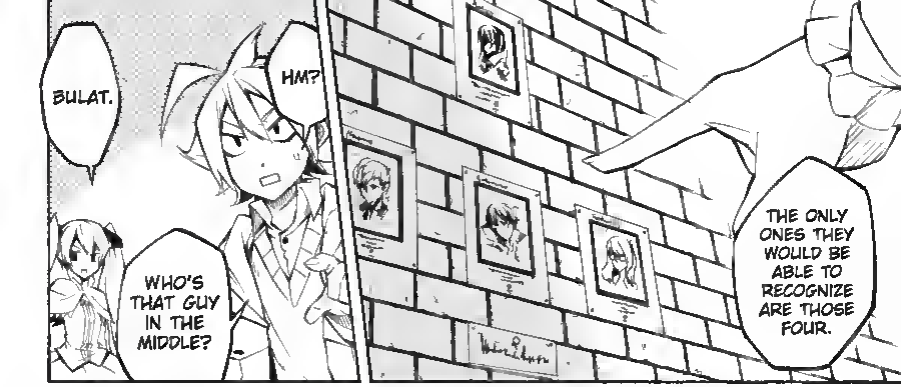

H...
IT'S ONE PROBLEM AFTER ANOTHER FOR YOU.


I JUST FELT A CHILL.
HER?


THE CAPITAL IS LOCATED HERE.
IT COVERS 200,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS!
CHAPTER 4
KILL THE ANTAGONISM
THERE'S A GREAT WALL THAT SURROUNDS THE CITY...
...AND HUGE TRADING SHIPS PASS THROUGH THE CANALS.
THERE ARE SO MANY SIGHTS TO SEE.
NOT TO MENTION THE STYLISH YOUNG LADIES THERE.
YEAH!
URK...
AS SOMEONE FROM THE COUNTRY...
SMACK
YOU SLEAZE!
WHY'S IT ONLY ME!?
...THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I HAD ONLY THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR THE CAPITAL.

Chapter 4
Kill the Antagonism

HAVING A LOOK AROUND...
...THE CAPITAL I ONCE ADMIRED...
...THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF GLUM-LOOKING PEOPLE.
ARE YOU OKAY WALKING AROUND IN BROAD DAYLIGHT LIKE THIS?
THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC SLUMP AND FRIGHTENING GOVERNMENT.
YEAH... WELL.


BULAT.
HM?
WHO'S THAT GUY IN THE MIDDLE?
THE ONLY ONES THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE ARE THOSE FOUR.

HUUH!?
HE CHANGED HIS IMAGE AFTER HE JOINED NIGHT RAID.
HOW COULD HE CHANGE THAT MUCH!?

SO...
...SINCE WE CAN WALK AROUND JUST FINE, WE HAVE A JOB TO DO HERE.
WORLD'S WORST BEFORE AND AFTER.

WOOO!
OKAY!
LET'S START OUR MUNICIPAL CENSUS!!
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT OKAY!!
... SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
GU COLENCIO
THAT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT ME, ISN'T IT?

KYORO
LOOK!
KYORO

PHEW! I SURE BOUGHT A LOT.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO GO ON A SPREE WHEN YOU'RE OFF WORK. ♪
YEP.
PINK CLOTHES REALLY STAND OUT BEST IN THE SPRING.
TOO TRUE.
GATA (CLATTER)
NIKO (SMILE)
MISSION COM-PLETE!
OKAY!
ZU (SIP)
PURU (TREMBLE)
PURU
ALL WE DID WAS GO SHOPPING!!!
DISH!! (CLANG)

OOF!?
(TAN (SLAP)
HOW HAUGHTY.

YOU MAY ONLY BE THE PACKAGE CARRIER, BUT YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT!
(DO (STOMP)
GWAAH!

GOOOOO (WHOOOO!
UNDERLINGS DON'T TALK BACK!
I'M ON TOP, AND YOU'RE ON THE BOTTOM!

SHAPPA
KYU (SQUEAK)
KYU
SHAKOSHA
KYU

FOR EXAMPLE ...
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE AUTHORITY OF YOUR SUPERIOR, ROOKIE.
YOU THINK YOU'RE MY SUPERIOR? IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY THING!

I CAN SEND YOU INTO ANOTHER MANGA USING THIS ROULETTE BOARD!!!
WHAA-AAAT!?
ARACHNID
PARADIGE LOST
RAIL ALE RLEUE
EMPEKOR'S BRIDE
JAI
JIKU X SOKU SS
CORPSE PARTY
PRUNUS GIRL
CORPSE PARTY
CORPSE PARTY
HATSUKIAI
ZAWA
ZAWA (CHATTER)
SHEESH.
I'D BE TOO SCARED OF MISSING IT!
MAKE THE PIE SLICE FOR THE MOE GENRES BIGGER!!
THERE'S ALSO "HATSUKIAI," WHICH I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE.
HATSUKIAI
IT'S A PUBLIC EXECUTION OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DEFIED THE EMPIRE.
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION ...?

IT'S PRETTY COMMONPLACE IN THE CAPITAL.
UUUH...
AAUGH...
WAAAH...
HOW ...
HOW CRUEL...

HE'S A SHREWD MAN WHO'S USED A STRUGGLE FOR SUCCESSION TO PREVAIL OVER THE YOUNG EMPEROR.
THE ONE WHO'S FINE WITH DOING THINGS LIKE THAT IS THE MINISTER...
...WILL NEVER BE LIKE THAT.
I...
I SWEAR TO SURVIVE ...
GOOOO (WHOOOOOO)
THE MINISTER, HUH...
...AND BE ON THE WINNING SIDE!!!

DO-
MESTIC
ADMINIS-
TRATOR
SHOUI.

YOU HAVE
CRITICIZED
MY
POLICIES...
...AND
ARE CHARGED
WITH DELAYING
GOVERNMENT
DUTIES.
THEREFORE YOU
ARE SENTENCED
TO DISMEMBER-
MENT BY
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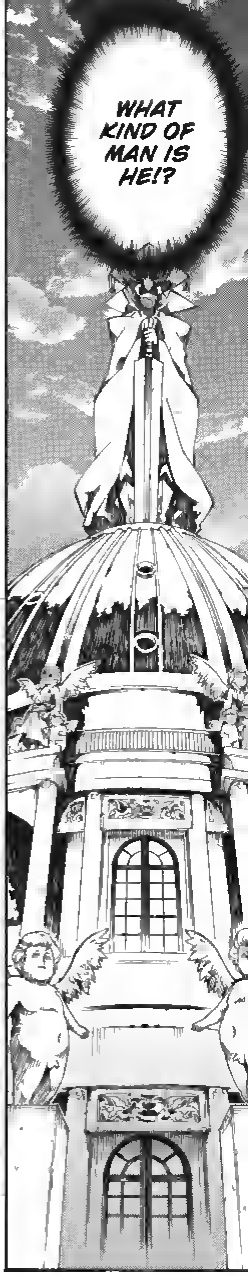

WHAT
KIND OF
MAN IS
HE!?

—!!
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
GUCHA (GUCK)
GUCHA
YOU ARE A WISE RULER INDEED, YOUR MAJESTY.
THAT SHOULD DO, RIGHT, MINISTER?
TO, (TAP)
HEH HEH HEH.
IM-PRES-SIVE.
GUCHA (SHLUCK)

MEAT AGAIN? YOU'RE ALWAYS EATING THAT.
HEH-HEH-HEH. GOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT WHILE IT'S FRESH.
BUONO. BUONO. ♡

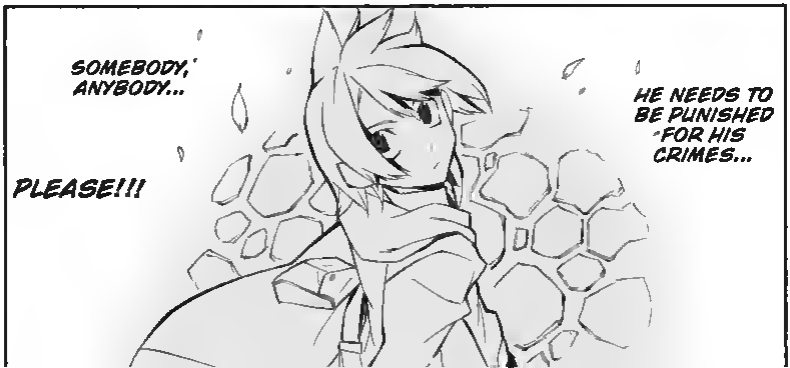
KUH!

YOU'RE BEING FOOLED BY THE MINISTER, YOUR MAJESTY!!
PLEASE LEND AN EAR TO THE VOICES OF YOUR PEOPLE!!!
BA (BAM)

HE'S OBVIOUSLY LOST HIS MIND.
NIKO (SMILE)
HE'S SAYING THAT.
YEAH!
YOU'VE NEVER SAID ANYTHING WRONG BEFORE!
ESTEEMED SHOUI.
WHAT A SAD GOOD-BYE.
DO (GLAM)
GWAAH!

HONOR-ABLE SHOUI.
YOUR MAJESTY !!
AT THIS RATE, THE EMPIRE'S 1,000-YEAR HISTORY WILL GO DOWN THE DRAIN!!
!?
PLEASE LEAVE THE BEAUTIFUL WIFE YOU'LL BE WIDOWING ...
...TO ME.
I'LL TAKE GOOO CARE OF HER.
IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH.
GRIND

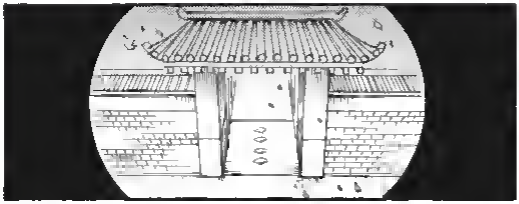
HE...
ZURU (DRAG)
ZURU
...CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!!!
H...


SOMEBODY, ANYBODY...
PLEASE!!!
HE NEEDS TO BE PUNISHED FOR HIS CRIMES...

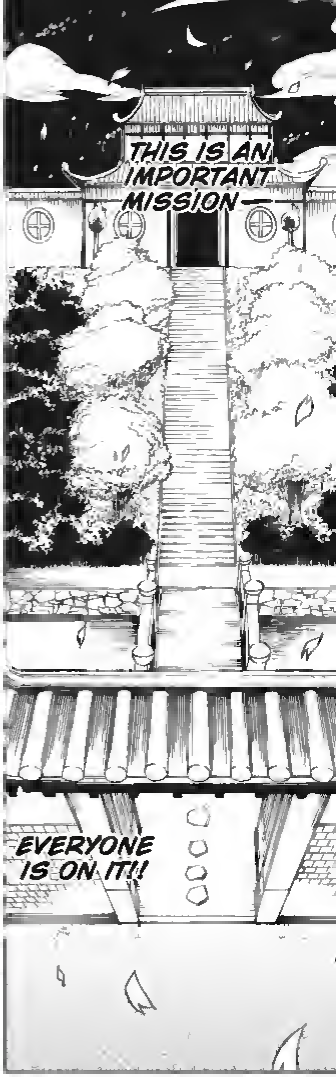
BRING THIS DEMON...
...TO JUSTICE!

ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA (DEAD)

YOU GUYS HAVE ...
...A NEW ASSIGN-MENT.
THE TARGET IS A DISTANT RELATIVE OF THE MINISTER.
IOKAL.
THE FIVE SOLDIERS WHO GUARD HIM AND GET THE LEFTOVERS ARE GUILTY AS WELL.
USING THE MINISTER'S NAME
...HE KIDNAPS AND BEATS YOUNG WOMEN TO DEATH.

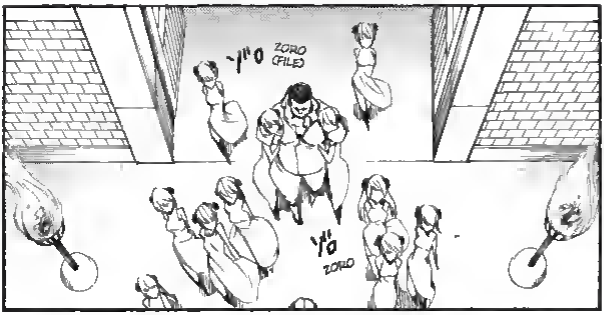


SO THAT'S THE ESTATE IOKAL LIVES IN.
SECURITY LOOKS TIGHT.
KACHA (K-CLICK)


THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MISSION—
EVERYONE IS ON IT!!

GU (CLENCH)
LEAVE IT TO ME!
AND MY JOB IS TO GUARD YOU AFTER YOU FIRE THE SHOT.
I'LL BLOW HIS HEAD OFF THE MOMENT HE LEAVES HIS ROOM.
I CAN REACH PRETTY EASILY FROM THIS DISTANCE

HMPH.
I'M NOT REALLY COUNTING ON IT THOUGH.
SU (GLARE)
ZO (CHILLS)
WOW, SHE'S SO FOCUSED...
...I CAN FEEL HER RESOLUTION EVEN FROM HERE.
HE'S OUT.
UH...
WHERE? WHERE?


ZORO (FILE)
ZORO

AH...

SO?
BUT THERE'S ALSO A TON OF NON-TARGETS WITH HIM!

DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU'D KILL EVEN INNOCENT PEOPLE...!

...HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO SHOOT HIM!?
SO...
THEY DON'T MATTER.

GACHI (CLICK)

ZUDO (THOOM)
OOOO (OOOOM)

DAAAN
GLAAAAND
I'M...
...A GENIUS AT SHOOTING.

NO MATTER WHAT, FIND THE ASSASSIN!
IF HE GETS AWAY, THE MINISTER WILL KILL US!!
ZA CZSW
!
HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THAT FAR...
THERE YOU ARE.

NOW THEN.
THIS TIME, YOU GET WRECKED!

THIS ROUTE IS SO HARD TO WALK.
YOU THINK OUR PURSUERS ARE ALL DEAD NOW?
OUR ENEMY TRAINED AT THE TEMPLE OF THE IMPERIAL FIST.
THEY MIGHT NOT BE THAT EASY TO OFF.
YOU MEAN THE NUMBER ONE KUNG FU TEMPLE IN THE EMPIRE?

GAS (RUSTLE)
GASA
GASA
UGH!

ALLEY-OOP!
THAT'S WHAT PISSES ME OFF THE MOST.
HE COULD DO WHATEVER HE WANTED THANKS TO HIS BLOOD TIES...
I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE RELATED TO THE MINISTER, YOUR GUARDS ARE PRETTY BADASS.
SHE'S VOLUNTEERING IT HERSELF!
I'LL MAKE A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE AND LET YOU HEAR ABOUT MY PAST!
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO HER IN HER PAST...
?
I'M HALF TRIBAL.
I CAME FROM NEAR THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE NATION.

NOBODY WOULD ACCEPT ME.
IN TOWN, I WAS COMPLETELY OSTRACIZED.
IT WAS A WRETCHED CHILDHOOD.
WHEN WE MAKE THE NEW NATION, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL OPEN.
MORE PEOPLE WILL BE OF MIXED BLOOD...
...AND THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE CHILDREN WHO HAVE TO SUFFER WHAT I DID...
BUT...
...THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY IS ALLIED WITH THE TRIBES TO THE WEST.

I'LL NEVER LET ANYONE ...
...DIS-CRIMINATE AGAINST ME AGAIN ...!!
MINE...
.....
...AND RECEIVE A TON OF COMPENSATION MONEY SO I CAN LIVE LIKE A CELEBRITY!
AND I'LL RENDER DIS-TINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE REVOLU-TION...
Ho!
Oh!

GO
CRASH
AAAAH.
I FEEL SO RE-FRESHED. ♡
THEY WERE PRETTY STRONG!
JA CHING!
...

IT'S STRANGE.
THERE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FIVE GUARDS...

WHAT!?
I KNOW, LUBBO! WE'LL SPLIT THE REWARD HALF-AND-HALF.

I DIDN'T GET TO KILL A SINGLE ONE OF THEM.
THAT'S BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH.

ZAA (SSSHH)

TA-TSUMI...
I GUESS IT'S MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED.
WE'RE ALMOST TO THE RENDEZ-VOUS SPOT.
HMPH.
IT'S NOT ALL DONE TILL THE REPORT!

YOU JUST TAKING THAT FROM MISS PERFECT AKAME?
!
WHAT !?
DON (SHOVE)
WATCH OUT!
GO (BASH)

YOU!
Y...
GAKU CLIMB
ZA CLSHD
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM SOMEONE WHO WAS THE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR TEN YEARS AGO.
THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

GA
GA
GA

I'M GOING TO HAND YOU OVER TO THE MINISTER ALIVE.
BRACE YOUR-SELF!
THAT'S BECAUSE I GOT EXPELLED FOR BAD BEHAV-IOR!
(LUNGE)
!
.....
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.
(HA HA)
(CLANG)

PAAN (SLAM)
!
AH!!
DAN (SLAM)
!!!
BA (PART)

DO (GRAB)
SHOOT HIM!
NOW, MINE!
YOU LITTLE !
THAT'S NOT IT, YOU IDIOT!!
YOU WOULD SACRIFICE YOUR-SELF...
TA-TSUMI ...

YOU'RE A GENIUS SHOT, REMEMBER?
I TRUST YOU!
!

HMPH.
HURRY!
LET GO!!
SHIT!
GA
GA
CRASH

GYUUOO GYOOOOOOM
FOR BEING A ROOKIE ...
...YOU'RE NOT HALF BAD!!!
GAKI CRACK
WAIT!!!
W...

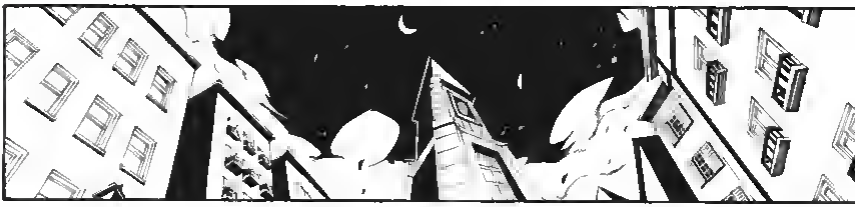
ドドド

GUH...AH!
YOU BAS-TARDS...
DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY...
BISHA (SPLAT)
...WITH ATTACKING THE MINISTER'S RELATIVE...!!

YOU'VE GOT SOME REAL GUTS.
ZA (ZSH)
HFF!
HFF!

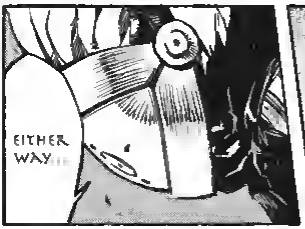
GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT...
...YOU!?
BISHI
CHUCK
CHHSSS
LOOK WHAT YOU DID TO MY HEAD!!!
WHA!?
?
?
YOUR BULLETS CUT IT WAY TOO CLOSE...

WE RAN HERE TO HELP THEM, BUT THEY'RE JUST FINE.
.....
YEAH, WELL A GENIUS WOULDN'T GO CALLING HERSELF A GENIUS!
WHAT!? I AM A GENIUS!
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE NOT A GENIUS! YOU'RE BARELY A PRODIGY!
AND JUST WHEN I WAS FINALLY GOING TO ACCEPT YOU!



.....
ROGER!
FIND THE CULPRITS WHO KILLED MASTER OGRE NO MATTER WHAT!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE CREATING QUITE A STIR...
HOW DELIGHT FUL.
JUST LIKE ME...
THEY'RE ASSAS SINS WHO USE TEIGUS
HEY!
YOU THERE!
YOU LOOK SUSPI- CIOUS!
DON'T MOVE!!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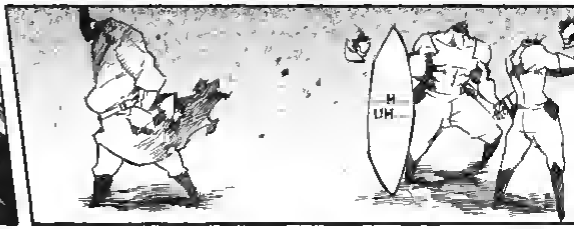
H UH...

THERE'S JUST NO SHORTAGE OF PEOPLE I CAN KILL... HOW DELIGHTFUL
THE CAPITAL SEEMS TO BE INCREDIBLY EASY TO NAVIGATE
TO BE CONTINUED IN AKAME GA KILL! 2

TAKAHIRO's PostScript

Thank you to everyone who bought this book.
This is Takahiro from Minato Soft who headed this work.

I'm now going to explain how *Akame ga KILL!* came about.

In 2007, I received an e-mail from an editor.
They asked me if I'd like to do a manga for a Square Enix magazine. Being a lover of manga, I immediately agreed to do it. First we held a meating, and he got to hear my idea for the project.

I said to them, "So it's about an all-female band of assassins, and the protagonist is a boy who is captured by them and has to work for them."
Hearing that, the editor grinned at me and said, "I love it!" and I got the immediate okay. It really was a conference held by two obvious masochists.
As for the timing of the manga's serialization, I had just gone independent, so I asked them to wait until my company had released two titles first and got stabilized, and they did. During that time, I thought up the characters, story, and world.

In August of 2009, "Majikoi - Oh! Samurai Girls" was released, so I wanted to start nailing down the artist for the serialization. That's when I got to meet Tashiro-san. His action scenes were particularly eye-catching, so I knew he'd do a great job pulling off the fast-paced scenes. Not to mention he draws cute girls!

I hope I get to write to you all again in volume 2.
Until then~

Takahiro

AKAME GA KILL!

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SUZUKI-SAN

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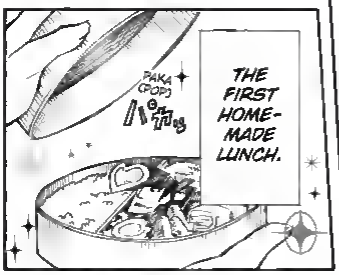

PAKA
GOPO
THE FIRST HOME-MADE LUNCH.

DON'T MIND IF I DO.
SURE.

...
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

!!
MOGU (CHEW)
MOGU
HONESTLY, IT'S A LITTLE OFF.

...MADE YOU A BOXED LUNCH.
I...
O... OH.

...SO!
I HAVE A POLICY OF NOT SPOILING MY GIRL-FRIENDS!!
SHOVE IT!
BISHI (JAB)
WHA...
WHAT? I WORKED MY BUTT OFF MAKING THAT FOR YOU!!
.....!!
NEXT TIME LET'S MAKE IT TOGETHER...
I'LL DO MY BEST TOO
WE SQUEEZED IN A LITTLE PART FOR YOU, SAYO ...!!
...I CAN'T HONESTLY BE THRILLED FOR HIM.
EVEN THOUGH TATSUMI'S HAPPY...
...OKAY.

12:30

Lunch is Elegent Tuna over rice Everyone's stomachs after all these heavy foods must be in trouble.

2:00

The boss goes through several cigarettes. She must like them. Nejenda: "So, Tatsumi. You smoke?" I think she wants a smoking buddy. Akame: "Nejenda. Don't force him to smoke." Mine: "It's smoky enough in here as it is." The boss's sad look when she smiles wryly at her scolding underlings... That's assassins for you. They're outspoken even against their own boss... Dangerous.

4:00

While training, Sheele was zoning out. I asked her what she was doing. Sheele: "Actually, I was just wondering the same thing. What was I going to do after lunch?" ...Typical assassin. They're so liberal with how they spend their time. Not good.

6:00

This time of day is when the boss takes her bath. Lubbo invited me to peek with him, but I was scared and declined. Lubbock: "I'm going. Even if they beat me in the jaw for it!" I admire his zeal, but he's in for some trouble.

6:10

Lubbo failed and got sent home beat up. Next it's Akame's turn to bathe. The fact that Lubbo is gutsy enough to want to peek again is dubious.

7:00

Tatsumi: "Let's not have grilled kalbi over rice for dinner tonight." Akame: "Why not?" Tatsumi: "We've got to serve something a little lighter and more refreshing!" Akame: "...Okay." She told me with a glum expression. Men, my conscience is at risk.

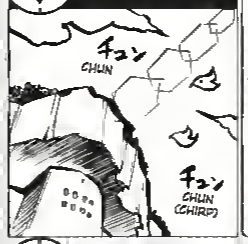
9:00

It's my time to bathe. Because Mine went overtime for her bath, we almost bumped into one another. Mine: "If you caught me naked, I'd just blast you away." She really would do it. I'm constantly one step away from death here... Scary.

0:00

After training, and before going to sleep, I visit Seyo's and Ieyasu's graves. Sheele's left flowers for them. It seems she wanted to do that first thing this afternoon. She's a good person. Seyo...Ieyasu. I'm going to do my best tomorrow as well.

6:00



Mornings are early on the mountain. Today will be another full day of learning how to get by in the hideout.

6:30

Morning exercise with Big Bro Bulat. Even though he's so strong, he never misses practice. Wow. But his eyes when he looks at me drenched in sweat is a little... dangerous.

TATSUMI'S JOURNAL

~MY DAYS WITH THE ASSASSINS~

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7:30

Prepare breakfast with Akame. Tatsumi: "What should we make for breakfast today?" Akame: "Croquettes over rice." So it's croquettes over rice first thing in the morning. She really is an esseeein' Dicey.

8:00

Breakfast. Sheele and Mine aren't morning people and haven't woken up yet. Akame says that's typical and eats their croquettes over rice portions. This girl is bad news.

9:00

Leone was out gathering information at the capital and comes home in the morning. Tatsumi: "Give me back the money you swindled out of me when we first met." Leone: "But that was your tuition fee. You'll just have to put up with this ♪." My face gets buried in her bosom. What a huge rack. Yikes.

9:30

Go to collect ingredients with Akame in the mountain. Search for a subject of conversation. Tatsumi: "Akame, what type of men do you like?" Akame: "I don't really know. I like my grilled meat to be dripping with juices." For some reason the conversation always goes back to food... Danger.

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